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*Closedowns coming in Czechia, Greenland
*New English frequencies from Germany, Turkey, Ukraine
*Clandestines for Cuba, Iran, Sarawak
*Monitoring Tunisia
*Harmonics and pirate from Argentina, Uruguay
*Also news from: Armenia, Australia, Canada, China non, Colombia, Laos, Mexico, Pakistan, Philippines, Spain, Taiwan, UK, USA
*Propagation outlook

SHORTWAVE AIRINGS OF WORLD OF RADIO 1548, January 19-25, 2011
Wed 1630 WRMI 9955 [confirmed, not jammed]
Wed 2000 WBCQ 7415 [confirmed on webcast]
Thu 0430 WRMI 9955 [heavily jammed, confirmed on webcast]
Thu 1600 WRMI 9955
Thu 2000 WBCQ 7415
Thu 2200 WRMI 9955
Fri 0430 WWRB 3185
Fri 1530 WRMI 9955
Fri 2130 WWCR1 7465 [missing last week, transmitter off, to return]
Sat 0900 WRMI 9955
Sat 1500 WRMI 9955
Sat 1700 WWCR2 12160 [Missing Jan 1, 8, 15, to return from 22]
Sat 1830 WRMI 9955
Sat 1900 IPAR/IRRS/NEXUS/IBA 6090
Sun 0730 WWCR1 3215

Sun 0900 WRMI 9955
Sun 1630 WRMI 9955
Sun 1830 WRMI 9955
Mon 1230 WRMI 9955
Tue 1630 WRMI 9955
Tue 2000 WBCQ 7415

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** ALBANIA [and non]. A curious situation concerning R. Tirana, Jan 14 at 1530 opening English to North America on 13640: signal is fair with a lot of flutter; yet on 13765, Vatican Radio in English about earthquakes is better with no flutter, only lite normal fading, also a slight echo. The two are at almost the same azimuth from here and could be expected to follow the same path; RT should be superior since it`s aimed USward at 310 degrees, while Santa Maria di Galeria is aimed 95 degrees toward S Asia, yet the contrary is the case. Altho not exactly oppositely aimed, perhaps most of the VR signal is coming around the long way, avoiding auroral zone disruptions (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ALBANIA. Introduced and registered in autumn 1967 year, 500 kW each

Made in China [each of them significantly off-frequency]
1215 / 1395 / 1458 kHz. 5 antenna arrays at
http://maps.google.de/maps?
f=q&source=s_q&hl=de&geocode=&q=durres+Albania&sll=51.151786,10.415039&sspn=19.808
511,57.084961&ie=UTF8&hq=&hnear=Kreis+Durr%C3%ABs,+Qark+Durr%C3%ABs,
+Albanien&ll=41.364329,19.509916&spn=0.011547,0.027874&t=h&z=16
73 wb df5sx (Wolfgang B¸schel, Germany, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

** ANGOLA. 7216.67, Radio Nacional de Angola, 1940, actually heard
with a hint of audio, and best in USB to escape China on 7215.
Parallel 4949.76, which had decent audio today. Jan 8 (David Sharp,
NSW: NRD-535D, FT-950, Sony 7600GR, Drake R8, Timewave 599zx and
others, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ARGENTINA. Re 10-49, 10-50, 1700 kHz: ReciÈn escuchÈ a la emisora
de Tigre. Che! llega con buena seÒal a Rosario (300 km) pero la
propagaciÛn no est· propicia, muchos ruidos. Bueno, sigamos metiendo
morfi y DX. Algo bueno tiene que salir øNo? RGM (RubÈn Guillermo
Margenet, Argentina, Jan 14, condiglist yg via DXLD)

Tigre creciÛ mucho y merecÌa una emisora. De hecho, si mal no
recuerdo, habÌa en ediciones anteriores del WRTH listada una stn en
Tigre. Pero Èsta no representa a la localidad. Pasa m˙sica todo el dia
y encima representa a una discogr·fica. Alejandro Alvarez la reportÛ
desde NeuquÈn (Arnaldo Slaen, ibid.)

Festival en onda media --- Estoy al lado del mar haciÈndome un
festival de onda media. Empleo la radio del auto ya que no traje
receptor puesto que vinimos a tomar mate a la vera del agua.

Decenas y decenas de emisoras conocidas del interior de la Argentina,
Uruguay y Brasil se recepcionan con seÒal clarÌsima. En la x band
entran Revivir en 1660, Apocalipsis en 1690 y la nueva de Tigre
en 1700. 73 (Slaen, Jan 14, ibid.)

La nueva emisora de Tigre llega por NeuquÈn y nos garcÛ la recepciÛn
de USA en esa frecuencia. L (Alejandro D ¡lvarez, LU8YD, Jan 14,
ibid.)

** ARGENTINA. 2540 (harmonic), R. Provincia, La Plata, BA, (2 x 1270).
2335 2355, ID, station promo. QRK 4- Jan 17.

2800 (harmonic), R. Gama, BA. (2 x 1400), program "La Visera" produced
by supporters of "Club Independiente" soccer team. Phones, raffles via
phone-in calls. QRK2/3. Jan 18.

ARGENTINA (presumed), 2680 (harmonic), UNID, No ID, Non stop folk
music of milonga style. Could be "AM Renacer" which is the only MW

1340 listed on WRTH 2010, Jan 18 (Horacio A. Nigro, Valizas 2011 DX Summer Vacation, from sunny Beach of Valizas, Dept. of Rocha, (300 km E of Montevideo, Atlantic coast of Uruguay), Jan 18, Kenwood R600, longwire 100 m long "on bush" towards Europe, unterminated, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also URUGUAY

** ARGENTINA. Ayuda para un amigazo brasileÒo --- Che, alguien puede darle una mano a este colega y amigo brasileÒo? Les reproduzco a continuaciÛn el correo que me mandÛ hace un ratito. Gracias (Amigo Slaen, Argentina, Jan 13, condiglist yg via DXLD) Viz.:

Estou em Jaguaruna-SC, Brasil e ontem (12 de janeiro de 2011) ouvi em 13363 kHz LSB uma emissora argentina, que creio, seja a Radio Cero FM 101.7, pois consegui ouvir, entre outras coisas, o slogan "somos la radio del verano", e buscando na internet, encontrei que esta emissora possui este slogan. O formato parecia mesmo o de uma FM. O amigo tem alguma informaÁ„o com relaÁ„o a isso? N„o gravei, mas posso lhe enviar todos os detathes que anotei e os tenho aqui. Escutei propagandas de Buenos Aires e La Rioja. Aguardo alguma opini„o do amigo, obrigado Forte 73, Fabricio Andrade Silva, Tubar„o-SC, Brasil (Da lista radioescutas@ via Slaen, ibid.)

En este momento no existe ninguna portadora en esa frecuencia. SerÌa interesante saber en quÈ horario captÛ la seÒal el colega brasileÒo. RGM (Ruben Guillermo Margenet, Argentina, 0033 UT Jan 14, ibid.)

En una Època esas retransmisiones en SSB solÌan atribuirse al EjÈrcito Argentino, supuestamente prestando un servicio para el personal de las bases ant·rticas. no se si seguir· esa costumbre. Continental era una de las m·s reportadas como retransmitidas (MoisÈs Knochen, Uruguay, ibid.)

A few weeks ago I heard 13363-LSB in Spanish. What time did he hear it?? (gh, DXLD)

SÌ, se sigue haciendo en 15820, pero espor·dicamente. A la ˙ltima que escuchÈ fue a La red. A propÛsito, sabÌan que esas trasmisiones ni siquiera est·n autorizadas por el Estado Nacional?

Hace un tiempo tuve una charla con un Teniente Coronel del EjÈrcito Argentino (un tipo muy agradable, piola y del cual se desprendÌa una profunda convicciÛn democr·tica) quien me confesÛ que hace como 15 aÒos elevaron el pedido de autorizaciÛn al jefe del ejÈrcito y que como Èste no se expidiÛ, retrax a las stn [sic] que transmiten f˙tbol para entretener a nuestras fuerzas militares y a los civiles en nuestra Ant·rtida e Islas del Atl·ntico Sur. Enviado desde mi BlackBerry de Personal (Arnaldo Slaen, condiglist yg via DXLD) AsÌ es que tuve que corregir e imponer acentos (gh, DXLD)

** ARGENTINA. 11710.65, RAE, 0720, tentative with Japanese program. Very difficult copy with presumed China lowside. Causing a massive het. Jan 6 (David Sharp, NSW: NRD-535D, FT-950, Sony 7600GR, Drake R8, Timewave 599zx and others, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Japanese supposed to be at 10-11 M-F and 01-02 Tue-Sat; schedule change or addition? We have heard 11711v on air past 0630 with R. Nacional relay in Spanish (gh, DXLD)

11710.8, Rdif. al Exterior, Argentina (presumed); 0137-0145+, 8-Jan; M&W commentary in Japanese, mentioned Radio Mil, Mexico; EZL Spanish vocals. SIO=3+43. 6060 covered by Cuba in Spanish; het at 15345.5 but covered by hiss. 0513, 8-Jan; M in Spanish with EZL Spanish vocals. SIO=3+43; only het on 15344.9 & 6060 covered by Cuba in English.

15345.1, Radio Nacional; 2200-2210+, 8-Jan; Argentina news with remotes to 2202+, Radio P˙blica & Radio Nacional spots. Continued with program about Agrentine music with phone calls -- much more talk than music. Caller mentioned PerÛn. All in Spanish. SIO=4+53+. Weak het on 11710, tho not sked for Saturdays (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

R. Mil item was probably in the DX program, translated from Spanish, `Suplemento a Actualidad DX`, since this was UT Sat. And 11710.8 I also heard at 0630 that date on late, as in 11-02.

15345, Jan 14 at 2213, RAE ID in Spanish, into deportivo segment, S9+ 10 to 12, i.e. poor to fair. Frequency matches Tunisia [q.v.] on 7345, indicating both of them are close to nominal at the moment. On Sat and Sun at the same time, 15345 would ID as Radio Nacional, i.e. domestic relay (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

RAE por ondas curtas --- E-mail da RAE (Argentina) enviado aos nossos amigos da Europa (A-DX):

Caros amigos! Hoje voltamos a nos comunicar, desta vez com uma mensagem positiva: As autoridades argentinas decidiram pouco antes do fim do ano que se passou, sobre a compra de novos equipamentos de transmiss„o para a nossa estaÁ„o, o que significa que a RAE continuar· nas ondas curtas. Enquanto se aguarda a finalizaÁ„o do processo, o que dever· durar alguns meses, continuaremos com os equipamentos usados atÈ aqui.

Vosso apoio foi de grande import,ncia, e por isto gostarÌamos de agradecer mais uma vez! Carlos DÌaz Rocca - RayÈn Braun, Deutsche Redaktion (RedaÁ„o em idioma alem„o) (via Rudolf Grimm, S„o Bernardo

SP, BRASIL, http://dxways-br.blogspot.com DX Clube do Brasil http://www.ondascurtas.com Jan 16, radioescutas yg via DXLD)

** ARMENIA. 4810, 1520 UT 29 Dec, Public R of Armenia, Yerevan, tune-in to presumed Yezidi service, IS & ID at 1530 and into presumed Assyrian, off at 1545 with brief IS, SIO 232.

4810, 1900 UT 28 Dec, PRA, Yerevan, Arabic, IS, ID etc., off at 1930, SIO 333 (Tony Rogers, Birmingham UK, AOR 7030+/LW, Eton E1/AOR LA380 loop, Jan BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

4810, Public Radio of Armenia, 1925, in Arabic 'till 1929, brief music and into lang (Armenian?) until plug pulled at 1940. Usually off at 1930. Jan 8 (David Sharp, NSW: NRD-535D, FT-950, Sony 7600GR, Drake R8, Timewave 599zx and othersÖ, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4810, V. of Armenia Jan 12 1426-1440, 33433, vernacular, music, IS at 1429, National anthem, opening music, opening announce, News (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, Japan Premium Jan 14 via WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DXLD)

** AUSTRALIA. Radio Symban 2368.5 kHz. They're back on air after a 3-4 week absence tonight (Tue Jan 18th, 2011) (Ian Baxter, NSW, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Last previous report: 2368.5, Radio Symban, 1357 Dec 21. Music, speaker at 1400. Too weak to understand anything or to even confirm language. Very poor (Harold Sellers, BC, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. The VL8s on 120m seldom surpass the hi local noise level here, but were detectable with some audio Jan 14 at 1356, better on 2485 than 2325 or 2310.

[and non]. VL8 check Jan 16 at 1321: carriers and bits of audio on 2485, better 2325, and best 2310, still very poor. 2850 KOREA NORTH was much better, but poor conditions on higher bands led to no significant loggings during the next sesquihour, so I mainly listened to R. Australia`s Sunday-night religion discussion, after 1400 on 7240, 9590 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 3209.999, 0942, ex-Pifo transmitter noted with pop music -- sounded like a CD changer or computer automated -- instead of religious programming. An amazingly strong S9+50 dB (measured on the NRD-535D and FT-950). Measured the freq on the FT-950. Jan 6 (David Sharp, NSW: NRD-535D, FT-950, Sony 7600GR, Drake R8, Timewave 599zx and others, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA [and non]. In DXLD 11-02, Glenn Hauser wrote, regarding new Aussie on 3210: How could 50 watts at 900+ km possibly reach S9+50+?

Hi Glenn, another email from Johno Wright indicates they are (were?) running at 300-watts. Prior observations had them weaker, probably on the 50-watt exciter. My reception was during hours of darkness. The S9+50 reading was on both the NRD-535D and FT-950 S-Meters. 73s (David Sharp, NSW Australia, Jan 16, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn, Listened every morning on 3210 but no results on the new Australian. Does it have a name? 120 m Australians were fair most days and good a couple, but they were very good to excellent when I heard Symban a month ago.

Using a 77 meter longwire with 9:1 Balun oriented toward South East Asia. I have similar wires toward South America. Africa, and Central Asia; also a 1/8 wave elevated vertical with 4 elevated radials centered on 80 m (3795 kHz); also a full wave loop (585 feet of wire) centered on 1.9 MHz.

A couple of 10 watt Australian hams were audible on 40 meters but just barely. I did work H44DX Solomon Islands and heard FO5JV Tahiti and DU1/K3LP Philippines on 40 m SSB. At least it didn't snow this week (Bill Smith, MA, W1OW, Jan 16, WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DX LISTENING DIGEST) No name for 3210 known yet, maybe not by station (gh, ibid.)

** AUSTRALIA. Re 11-02, ABC LOCAL RADIO, ``Strangely enough, WRTH 2011 does not mention ``Local Radio`` as one of the ABC networks! We hear a lot of it relayed on RA. Instead, on MW there are National, Regional, Metropolitan, and Parliamentary & News. So does ``Local`` = ``Metropolitan``? That would be 4QR on 612, 50 kW. National is 4RN on 792, only 25 kW. AM sites are typically in low-lying areas, and likely they would be at same site and both flooded if one is, but who cares about National? WRTH does not mention ``Local Radio`` among the FM networks either.``

Hi Glenn, You raise a very good point about the absence of ABC "Local Radio" as per quotation marks within the recent WRTH editions. In this respect the WRTH should be updated. I will forward a request that this occur. Now let`s make some points and also clarify the situation for our listeners & DXers.

* The ABC makes no distinction between MW & FM outlets regarding its networks (with the exception of Triple J & Classic FM network)
* The following ABC networks exist on the terrestrial MW & FM bands.
- ABC Radio National (MW & FM)

- ABC Newsradio (The is the Parliamentary & NewsRadio Network (MW & FM)
- ABC Classic FM (FM only)
- Triple J (FM only)
- ABC Local Radio (MW & FM) ## See note below

With the exception of 'Local Radio' network all respective networks programming across the nation`s transmitters is the same across Australia, but is time delayed for those states & territories not in AEDST or AEST timezone depending on the time of year. This ensures that broadcast times correspond with the local state. An exception to this is Broken Hill, NSW transmitters which use South Australia local time.

Triple J network at one point in time had some local program breakouts for Melbourne & Canberra, but I think it's been over 15 years since that occurred and as far as I'm aware it a completely national program.

##ABC Local Radio. Whilst an ABC network, this is not a national network is as far as the same programming across all the country's transmitters. Obviously as the name implies there are locally produced programs.

Now the WRTH does list Metro & Regional Radio networks. From the DXers` perspective these stations encompass the 'ABC Local Radio' network. I doubt anyone will find reference to a Metropolitan or Regional network on the ABC website - it doesn't exist.

Defining an individual "ABC Local Radio" station is a difficult task. Weather the local ABC station is a metropolitan or regional located station, the programming varies enormously.

A metropolitan station produces much of its own programs throughout the day. To the best of my knowledge and going back some years, the metropolitan stations are those located in all state- and territory-based capitals with the inclusion of Newcastle, NSW & Gold Coast, QLD. Gosford NSW station is part metro and also part of ABC Sydney. I would have to check out the current status of Sunshine Coast, Qld station; used to carry some Gold Coast programs.

ABC Local Programming consists of part local studio programs (e.g. "ABC Illawara"), part state-based programs (eg "ABC Local Radio New South Wales") and part National (e.g. ABC Local Radio").

National program feeds usually occur from 10 pm to around 5-6am ish local time. An exception to this is the Tony Delroy nightlife program from 10 pm to 2 am. I understand that it starts earlier in Western

Australia (i.e. not delayed, to accommodate telephone callers participating in the program real time).

Most local regional based stations produce a local breakfast program and often an afternoon drive program. Many also have a local morning program. Throughout other times (mostly) a state-based program is usually heard. Exceptions are when some national-based programs are broadcast, such as AM or PM or the National News. Also, Metropolitan stations will nationally network the World Today program, whilst the regional/rural stations will broadcast 'The Country Hour' nationally.

Then the above changes during the Dec to January holiday period when more networking occurs.

Confused? Well in a nutshell, the frequency outlets designation R/M in the WRTH belong to the ABC "Local Radio" network.

An error that should be corrected in the next WRTH is the appearance of "ABC Regional addresses" in WRTH 2011. The title should be correctly designated "ABC Local Radio Studio addresses" or ABC Local Radio Addresses" As a quick peak reveals the appearance of metro station addresses as well. A re-designation fixes that error.

Hope that explanation/info also helps some others. Regards (Ian Baxter, NSW, Jan 13, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 6020, relay via RA, 1206-1230, Jan 13. Another day with the special relay; primary IDs: ì612 ABC Brisbaneî and ìABC Local Radio Queenslandî; also the network stations ID; emergency flood warnings; later 6020 had signed off and heard yesterday`s frequencies; occasionally a RA ID indicating they were relaying ìABC Local Radioî; played some music today, unlike yesterdays non-stop reporting; at 1406 on 7240 had emergency message with the flood level of many rivers.

Jan 14 found 6020 with RA programs at 1216; no long with relay of emergency flood information (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

13630 fair and stronger than // 13690; also 15160 with same relation to // 15240, RA, Jan 14 at 0614 with report from Brisbane, that insurance claims have already reached 365 megadollars Oz. Ian Baxter in NSW says there was a sporadic E opening across the Tasman 24 hours earlier, which may account for RA missing here, i.e. the signals from Shepparton all being reflected back on short skip, prevented from reaching the F-layer for long hauls? I am not sure how serious he is, or whether Es could be that disruptive.

Next check at 1411 Jan 14, 5995 is playing sad song well atop sad

Harold Camping, 1416 outroed as ``Brothers in Arms`` by Dire Straits [get it?], ``Happy New Year`` wishes in somewhat stale promo by RA correspondents concluding with Roger Broadbent; 1417 a survival story from the flooding; 1420 I have tuned up to much weaker // 6080, with plug for learning English at RA,
http://www.radioaustralia.net.au/learnenglish/
and then ID as ``Summer`` from ABC Local Radio, so programming is returning to abnormal, until RA resumes its own ABC multi-program schedule when summer holidays conclude. Next item, interview on a movie about the mafia (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Australia back to normal --- Radio Australia noted this morning at 1225 with Late Night Live (at least the summer version) with disco music. With the flood waters receding there is no need to continue the South Queensland feed. Still, for a few days, it was riveting radio --- the kind of real-life drama only radio can provide (Mark Coady, Peterborough, ON K9J 6X3, Jan 14, NASWA yg via DXLD)

11660, RA news in English at 2101 Jan 17, stronger than // 11650, which is found to be synchronized, so same site? Yes, per HFCC, at 2000-2200 both Shepparton, 70 and 30 degrees respectively, i.e. 11660 ideal for CNAm beyond the central Pacific. Until 2057 they are divided by RNW Madagascar on 11655.

At first I wondered if 11650 could be via Taiwan, but not now, not if they are in synch. However, Aoki shows 11660 as Brandon 10 kW in B-10, which does not compute either, as that would be much weaker and with a delay. Another RA pair until 1357 UT, 9580 and 9590, have the same azimuthal relationship in reverse order, i.e. 9580 better for us (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn -- I also noted the same this afternoon, except that I had presumed 11660 was Brandon per Aoki. 11660, Radio Australia, 2030 Jan 17 - Pacific Beat program, interviews with Australian inventors. Fair signal, // 11650 poor (Brandon Jordan, Memphis, TN, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Keep an ear on RA, as the flooding is spreading further into NSW; news reports today of Horsham hit, and even flooding problems in Shepparton, too close for comfort to RA`s transmitter site (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. 15340, Jan 19 at 1444 het with MOROCCO [q.v.] on 15341, no doubt HCJB, while its other frequency 15400 is missing, already off at 1430. 15340 is to S Asia, large variety of languages in a complex schedule from 1145 to 1445, including Telugu at 1430 Wednesdays, but English daily 1445-1530 per Aoki. 15340 also has to cope with splatter from R. MartÌ, Greenville 15330 (not so much jamming yet).

At 1445 I hear English being spoken slowly. Wish Morocco would hurry up and move to 15345. At 1500-1501, it does. Now 15340 can be copied at times, Oz YL keeps going past 1500 about food? 1502 advice on calamine lotion vs scabs, then YL song, hymn? 1512 weaker, mentioning it`s an HCJB produxion, Melbourne, Australia ID, 15330 splash is also growing, and by 1520 with music, HCJB is just about gone. Presumably one of its occasional appearances by longpath (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BANGLADESH. 4750, Jan 15 1128-1300; call for sunset prayer at 1136, time pips 1200 and 1300, ID and IS Bangladesh Betar, conversation, English report 1252, weak but clear signal (Tony Ashar, West Java, Indonesia, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BHUTAN. Re 11-02, COLOMBIA, 6035: ``This is what I heard, no sign of Bhutan on the frequency. Is it on reduced power ?``

Yes, WRTH gives 10 kW and variable sign-on time, as late as 0300. 73, (Mauno Ritola, Finland, BDXC-UK via DXLD)

** BOLIVIA. 4699.94, R. San Miguel, 0958, presumed the one, weak, with news (or similar), then into local "yip-yippie" music at 1010. Lots of QRN from distant t-storm. Jan 7. (David Sharp, NSW)

6134.87, Radio Santa Cruz, 0954, Spanish, fair with news by a man, many "Santa Cruz" references, all alone on freq. Jan 6 (David Sharp, NSW: NRD-535D, FT-950, Sony 7600GR, Drake R8, Timewave 599zx and others, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BONAIRE. 800 | NETHERLANDS ANTILLES | PJB, Trans-World Radio, Bonaire, JAN 8, 2300 - piano music, US-accented announcer "7 o'clock Atlantic Standard Time and that is the signal for the Glory Train, the English radio service of TWR Bonaire in the Dutch Caribbean winding its way over hill and vale down the rails that never fail on 800 AM. I'm Bill Early .."; excellent / local-like (Chatham Marconi Maritime Center (WCC) DXpedition logs, from Mark Connelly, WA1ION - Times / dates = UTC / 2011, Chatham, Cape Cod, MA, USA (GC = 41.7038 N / 69.9808 W) (= 41? 42.23' N / 69? 58.85' W)
Chatham Marconi Maritime Center (WCC) website
<http://www.chathammarconi.org> Receiver: Microtelecom Perseus; Antenna: Kaz Delta, 12 m base to apex, 36 m base width, dual-feedline, set up to null northwest, NRC IDXD via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. 2380, R. Educadora, Limeira, 2320 Jan 17, very weak with talks by man in Portuguese, ID by man at 2331. Improved at recheck 2341, het. QRK 2, QSA 1/2 (Horacio A. Nigro, Valizas 2011 DX Summer Vacation, from sunny Beach of Valizas, Dept. of Rocha, (300 km E of

Montevideo, Atlantic coast of Uruguay), Kenwood R600, longwire 100 m long "on bush" towards Europe, unterminated, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 4935.20, R. Capixaba, VitÛria, 0435-0442 Dec 4 in Portuguese with OM giving speech, crowd cheering, sigs to only 20 dB and clobbered by CODAR, but their exceptional audio really punched through, good to excellent (Richard W. Parker, Pennsburg PA, Miltronix / Signal Corps R-390A, Sherwood SE-3 MK III Deluxe Synchronous Detector, Collins 51S-1 with 55G-1 pre-selector, yaesu FT-840, MFJ-901B antenna tuner, 25m dipole, Alpha-Delta DX sloper, 160 ft inverted L with Yaesu FC-800 auto-tuner, 75m balanced doublet, Jan World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

** BRAZIL. BRASIL, 9695.8, R·dio Rio Mar, Manaus, *1001-1020, 16-01, Portuguese, male, comments, identification: "R·dio Rio Mar, ..., ondas curtas, 6160 kHz, faixa de 49 metros, 9695 kHz, faixa de 25 metros, R·dio Rio Mar, Manaus, Amazonas, Brasil", advertisements, Brazilian songs. 24322 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, 27 km W of Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 and Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 10 meters, faced WSW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 11780, RNA, Sat Jan 15 is already on at 0639 UT, VG with music. On Jan 16, being a UT Sunday, it will be on all-night. BTW, 11780 usually starts showing up in the afternoons around 2100 in time for A Voz do Brasil, but I assume it is on all day every day. Still no sign of RNA any time on 6185, good news for XEPPM (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also SPAIN

** BRAZIL. 11925.1, R Bandeirantes, S„o Paulo, SP, 1927, Jan 03, male and female speakers chatting, map directions, ID, outside reports, fair (Graham Bell, Cape Town, South Africa, DSWCI DX Window Jan 12 via DXLD)

[and non]. 11925.1, Jan 14 at 0610, poor signal quickly with R. Bandeirantes ID in passing, TC for 3:10. A bit surprising as no other Brazilians audible on 25m which usually have better signals, not even 11765 or 11815 (and 11780 not yet on). Portuguese on 11830 during this hour is of course not R. Daqui, but RFI via SOUTH AFRICA, which should be in Ibero-African dialect anyway, also audible tonight (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BRAZIL. 15190, R·dio InconfidÍncia, Belo Horizonte, 0936-1015, 16-01, Portuguese, comments: "Aqui na InconfidÍncia, mÈdias e curtas", between 1000 to 1100 interference from CRI, at 1101 complete identification: "Onda MÈdia, 880 kHz, ondas curtas de 49 metros, 6010 kHz, ondas curtas de 19 metros, 15190 kHz, emisoras da Rede InconfidÍncia de R·dio, Belo Horizonte, Minas Gerais, Brazil". 32433

(Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, 27 km W of Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 and Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 10 meters, faced WSW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Brazil and Equatorial Guinea [q.v.] Mixing --- 15190, Radio InconfidÍncia on Jan 18 at 2122 in Portuguese with a man and woman with talk then a string of promos at 2124 and a ìRadio InconfidÍnciaî ID - Fair above Radio Africa to 2126 then mixing after 2130 (Mark Coady, Peterborough, ON K9J 6X3, NASWA yg via DXLD)

** BULGARIA. Frequency changes of R. Bulgaria in Spanish/Bulgarian from Jan. 30
2100-2300 NF 6000 PLD 170 kW / 260 deg to SoEu, ex 5900*
2100-2300 NF 9400 PLD 170 kW / 245 deg to SoEu, ex 7300#
* to avoid Vatican Radio in Chinese from 2200
# to avoid Voice of Russia in Russian/English
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Jan 18 via DXLD)

** CANADA. 6030, CFVP, Calgary, 1406-1414 Jan 18. Roads and traffic report (including multi-day closure of the Trans Canada Highway due to avalanches), Country music, ID ìClassic Country Musicî and TC. Very good, havenít heard them this strong in a long time (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening in my car with an Eton E1 and AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 6069.984, CFRX (CFRB), Toronto. 2220-2230 January 16, 2011. Canned "NewsTalk1010.com" promo, back to National Benefits Authority healthcanadians.com segment, commercials, mostly for other quack medical "free except for shipping" product and a realty agent, then segment on Canadian Red Cross delivery of fresh water trucks outside of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Very good. Very boring. On the bright side, their audio is really good now, really clean and warm processing. Better than most AM stations around here (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 9625.1, Jan 14 at 0605, after news in English, YL sign-off only in French by CBC-Nord-QuÈbec; O, Canada, tone test starts at 0606:43 but carrier off at 0607*. Was S9+20, somewhat undermodulated. Definitely on hi side tho some other reports have found it on the lo side.

9625.1, Jan 19 at 0702, S9+12 open carrier, lite fades, more wasted wattage from Sackville, running CBCNQ transmitter after-hours, this time lacking tone test, why? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. The excellent series about advertising, ``Age of Persuasion`` has begun a new season on CBC Radio 1 since Jan 8, Sats 1532, Thus 1832 UT plus 1/2/3/4 hours across the timezones, and also

ondemand: http://www.cbc.ca/ageofpersuasion/

BTW, the multi-timezone cbc.ca audio player, ``select a radio stream``
http://www.cbc.ca/video/radio-popup.html#/
networkKey=cbc_radio_one&programKey=london
displays programming one hour off for me! Is it confused by my computer clock on UT, pretending to be Azores DST, or what? (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. CKKY-830 applies to CRTC to move to 1080 --- CKKY-830 Wainwright AB has applied to the CRTC to move to 1080 (the old CKSA Lloydminster AB frequency) and to increase its night power to 9 kW. Day power would remain at the present 10 kW. Two applications by CKKY to move to FM were turned down by the CRTC some time ago. Looking at the coverage maps in the application, the signal would be directed north in a broad lobe, with nulls to the south to protect KRLD I presume.

I presume that this would allow CFCW-790 Camrose AM to move to 840 as was approved by the CRTC a couple of years ago (Decision CRTC 2008-310), subject to the CKKY move being approved. At the moment CFCW has serious signal problems at night due to KGHL Billings MT and KJRB Spokane WA, and CKKY is badly QRMed by WCCO.

<http://www.crtc.gc.ca/eng/archive/2011/2011-27.htm#3>

Wainwright, Alberta Application 2010-1609-8

Application by Newcap Inc. to amend the broadcasting licence of the commercial, English-language AM radio programming undertaking CKKY Wainwright by changing the frequency of its transmitter from 830 kHz to 1,080 kHz, and by changing the authorized contours by increasing the night-time transmitter power from 3,500 to 9,000 watts. All other technical parameters would remain unchanged. The licensee states that the proposed technical amendment would improve night-time service to the listeners in the rural Wainwright area. 73, (via Deane McIntyre, AB, DXLD)

That is interesting about CFCW. Hasn't CFCW always had that issue? I remember back in the 70s/80s where KGMI/KGHL/KJRB were still on 790 along with CFCW. I seem to remember CFCW was only 10 KW then. Why the QRM concern now? 840 would be a better frequency for CFCW, but would CKKY like 1080 any better with OR, ID, TX, CA all on 1080? With the QRM on the dial today, few frequencies are very clear. Too bad they did not try for 640 before MT moved there (Patrick Martin, OR, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 1230 kHz, 2007 UT 11 Dec, CFFB Iqaluit NT. CBC news jingle.

No local ID heard but checked web streams of CBC R1 St John`s & CBC R1 Iqaluit at 2007. St John`s were carrying long operatic piece, while Iqaluit had YL monologue about life as a writer. Peaked at 2007 and the audio heard was exactly that of the YL, Peaked again at 2029 with a piece of local music. Weak (John Faulkner, Skegness, Lincs UK, Perseus SDR and northerly flag aerial, Jan BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

This one is just about impossible in the lower 58, with hundreds of closer domestic stations on same frequency, but certainly possible from the other side, especially at early hours before all the southerly ones are propagating, and is periodically reported from Europe. However: not sure what St John`s has to do with 1230 as no CBC stations are listed in NL.

But there are some other CBC Radio 1 on 1230, per NRC AM Log 2010-2011: Notably CHFC, Churchill MB, 250 watts; CBQC, Fort Providence NT, 99 watts; CBDC Mayo YT, 40 watts. CFFB with 1000 watts and closest would certainly be the most likely. FB stands for Frobisher Bay, original colonial name of Iqaluit. And it`s in Nunavut, NU, not NT. See also DXLD 6-003 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CANADA. 1470, 0700 12 Dec, CJVB Vancouver BC, ``This is the spirit of multicultural Vancouver, AM 14-70, CJVB, Fairchild Radio, Cable 103.3 FM``, YL song then three pips at 0700:15; never on time! Good (John Faulkner, Skegness, Lincs UK, Perseus SDR and northerly flag aerial, Jan BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** CAYMAN ISLANDS. 415 kHz, CBC (aero beacon), Cayman Brac. 0113 January 15, 2011. Clear, fair (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHAD. 6165, Radio National Tchadienne (N'djamena), 0427-0430, 1/12/2011, French. Interval signal heard after Radio Nederland (Bonaire) signed off. A few bars of African pop music at 0430 followed by ID and announcements by man. Pop music resumed. Poor to moderate signal with fading (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, G6 and whip antenna, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

6165, ORTC, 2230-2231* January 16, 2011. Tune-in to orchestral national anthem, off. Clear, fair, though someone else with almost church-like choral vocals in unknown language was present after Chad went bye-bye (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 1205.975, 1400 17 Dec, Yanbian RGD, Yanji, Korean service. Time pips very early; very weak (John Faulkner, Skegness, Lincs UK, Perseus SDR and northerly flag aerial, recording analysed by Tim

Bucknall, Jan BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD) See also TAIWAN

** CHINA. Firedrake Jan 19:
6030, good but flutter atop Taiwan victim at 1305, still at 1350
8400, very poor at 1243

Harold Frodge has compiled all the Firedrake frequencies and times reported in 2010y into one master list, within DXLD 11-01; quickly find it by searching on the first one, 5820, at
http://www.w4uvh.net/dxld1101.txt
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 9450, Jan 15 at 1409, Russian from CRI but with Chinese QRM: tsk2, Sound of Hope via Taiwan is also on 9450 during this hour, requiring ChiCom jamming against it and thus also against CRI.

13580, Jan 16 at 0014, strong in Chinese with heavy echo. Since this is a genuine CRI broadcast, 500 kW, 215 degrees from Beijing site, nothing to jam here, I suspect it was really short/long path. You have a serious self-inflicted `PR` problem when any reception of your stations must be evaluated whether it is jamming (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA. 25870, 0909, CRI with English newscast // 17690 on, fair with surging fades. Not sure whether this is a legit transmission or something spurious. 14/12 (Bryan Clark at Mangawhai, New Zealand, with AOR7030+ and Alpha Delta Sloper, EWEs to NE, E and SE, plus various 100 metre BOGs to the Americas, Jan NZ DX Times via DXLD)

** CHINA [non]. 702 kHz, 1745 20 Dec, CRI via Le Col de la Madonne, Monaco [non = FRANCE], Italian, 1730 [sic] timesignal and French, SIO 444 (Alan Pennington, Caversham, Berkshire, AOR 7030+, longwire, beverage, Sony 7600 GR, Jan BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

I assume one of those times is a typo if in sequence, 1645 or 1830 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CHINA [non]. WJTP, Lithia Springs GA, is running programming from CRI. The China origination is being downplayed during a top-of-the-hour cutaway that includes local station ID. I'm currently listening to Neal Jones play the Smiths' "How Soon Is Now?" A shame I have to rely on China to play a favorite song on local MW (Mike Cooper, Jan 16, DXLD)

Mike, No more Spanish at all? I see it is a daytimer on 890 (Glenn to Mike via DXLD)

Glenn: I have no idea - I just noticed the CRI programming this

morning at 11 am local [1600 UT Jan 16], when I heard some sports coverage mentioning Iraq and other not-normally-heard-about-on-local-radio countries. I'll keep monitoring to see if this is during all broadcast hours. I see it's listed as Spanish in some places, unknown in others. Also looks (from two-year-old NRC Domestic Log, I don't have new one yet) that they had a CP to go from 1 to 5 kW, which would explain strong reception on the east side of town. (City of license is on west side of Atlanta.) Am curious to see if they are still a daytimer, if reception holds up during critical hours (Mike Cooper, GA, WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Current NRC-AM shows them as D1 5000, nothing about a CP; format was Spanish Religion, ``La Poderosa 890 AM`` (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

Glenn: Atlanta station is still running CRI this morning. They signed off at 5:45:30 pm EST Sunday [2245:30 UT] in mid-programming, with no station ID. I didn't monitor sign on this morning, but hear CRI programming again today. There's also a curious announcement around the top of the hour about programming made available by GNE (?) and giving an e-mail address for feedback that is something like "writemyDJ@gmail.com" (a search for this e-mail address on the Internet turned up nothing). I'll try to get exact wording of the announcement for a proper DXLD submission in the next day or so (Mike Cooper, GA, Jan 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I see China Daily offering free subscriptions to a North American (daily?) newspaper. And here they are paying for time on about 10 local U.S. stations to relay CRI. What do people who listen to international broadcasters think of this? I wince at listening to China, disagreeing with aspects of their country's practices. But don't they deserve credit for making an effort to speak internationally, including on shortwave, at a time when this seems unimportant to other countries? (I realize they deserve criticism for a fat signal on 9570 that often makes it impossible to listen to R Australia.) mc (Mike Cooper, Atlanta GA, Jan 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COLOMBIA. Nueva seÒal en 5910 kHz y Confirmaciones

Hola colegas, Ahora por los 5910 kHz est· la nueva programaciÛn de Radio Alcarav·n, estaciÛn colombiana en 1530 kHz que genera su seÒal desde Puerto Lleras con mejor programaciÛn musical propia de los llanos orientales; asÌ sale del aire la seÒal de Marfil EstÈreo. Por los 6010 kHz contin˙a LV de tu Conciencia con su programaciÛn usual.

Debido al volumen de informes recibidos durante el aÒo 2010 y al elevado costo del correo postal, se ha elaborado QSL-electrÛnica para confirmar los informes que lleguen a las emisoras, a travÈs del correo-electrÛnico.

Se mantiene garantizado (100%) el envÌo de la QSL impresa, calcomanÌa y otro pequeÒo recuerdo a los informes que se reciban por via postal incluyendo 2 IRC, o estampillas colombianas sin usar por Vr $ 7.000. No se recomienda, ni se pide el envÌo de dinero en efectivo.

Cordialmente, Rafael Rodriguez R., QSL Manager, Emisoras de la Organizacion Colombia para Cristo (via Yimber Gaviria, Colombia, Jan 18, WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DXLD)

Says 5910 no longer carries Marfil EstÈreo, but instead their AM station on 1530, R. Alcarav·n. They now have an e-QSL. But a P-QSL is still guaranteed if you send 2 IRC or mint Colombian stamps amounting to 7 pesos. Vr? Maybe means via regular (surface) rather than airmail? Item does not remind us of his e- or p-mail addresses for this, but published before (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** COLOMBIA. 6035.03, 0010-0020 16.01, La Voz del Guaviare, San JosÈ del Guaviare, Spanish ann, Colombian pop music, 35333 (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** CONGO. 6115, Radio-Congo, 1812, French, tune-in to news magazine (which is normally heard this hour), with local and regional stories, presented by a man. Good signal strength but weak audio. Jan 8 (David Sharp, NSW: NRD-535D, FT-950, Sony 7600GR, Drake R8, Timewave 599zx and others, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CROATIA [non]. 17860, 0858, PHILIPPINES, Radio Croatia via Tinang very strong with pops. At 0900 ident as ëHrvatzki Radioí, time pips (45 seconds late) and news in Croatian. Beamed to Australia. 19/12 (Bryan Clark at Mangawhai, New Zealand, with AOR7030+ and Alpha Delta Sloper, EWEs to NE, E and SE, plus various 100 metre BOGs to the Americas, Jan NZ DX Times via DXLD)

** CUBA. 1620, CM--, Guant·namo - 10/2 0200 - Guanabacoa and Guant·namo transmitters about two seconds out of synch, creating nice echo effect. Usual "Rebelde, La Habana!" top-of-the-hour ID (Steve Francis, Alcoa, TN, Sanyo stereo, Realistic TRF, Intermatic Timer, Eastern Local Time used, WTFDA-AM via DXLD) That would be 0200 EDT = 0600 UT Oct 2, 2010, as he was listing new catches thru last year (gh)

1620, Radio Rebelde; 0156-0231+, 0457-0501+, 12-Jan; 2 M&W in Spanish, many mentions of m˙sica & Rebelde and with Spanish tunes, but not // 5025. 0457 now // 5025 with Spanish pop music; Rebelde ID at 0500 into Nat'l Anthem. Progreso has been reported here, so maybe alternating between Progreso (or something else) and Rebelde. Could not find a // Progreso. 2352-2401, 12/13-Jan; Spanish feature on earthquakes

(terremotos) // 5025. In/out with KOZN [Omaha] (Harold Frodge, Midland MI, USA, Drake R8B + 125 ft. bow-tie; 85 ft. RW & 180 ft. center-fed RW, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [and non]. 9490, wall of noise from the incompetent DentroCuban Jamming Command against the frequency R. Rep˙blica used to occupy via Sackville until mid-December {make that early Dec}, Jan 14 at 0246.

The bigsigs from RHC on 13680 and 13780 are scheduled to close at 1500, and normally do circa, but not Jan 14: still going at 1528, plus leapfrogs on 13880, and on 13580 atop mostly buzz from Cairo`s Albanian service. See also PAPUA NEW GUINEA

6110, RHC here instead of 6140, Jan 15 at 1329 with commentary on tri-country flooding, still 6110 at 1417. 6140 is still on the B-10 schedule as 11-05 UT, so has RHC deliberately gone back to 6110 which served this purpose in A-10, or is it just another of their SNAFUs? Time will tell. It did not take much time: at 1702, the JBA signal is back on 6140. When punching up frequencies, do the RadioCuba operators rely on their deficient memories, or what?

11760, for the second week in a row, RHC succeeds in getting its Esperanto broadcast on as scheduled, Jan 16 at 1500, announcing Sunday-only schedule as this plus 0700 on 6010 (not checked this week, but previously was really on 6050, 6150); and 2230 on 15370, which I still hope to remember to check this week, as it was also missing in December.

Meanwhile at 1505, the special frequencies for ``AlÛ, Presidente``, 17750 and 13750 were on the air as always on Sundays, but only with RHC programming // 11730, and also at 1538 on 17750, 15370, 13750, 11760, and 11730 an echo apart. See also VENEZUELA [non].

Since El Hugazo was a no-show again this Sunday, the special `AlÛ, Presidente` frequencies, 17750, 13750 and 15370 had already been turned off at 1834 check Jan 16, after having carried nothing but RHC duplications earlier, as in previous report.

Yes, this Sunday, tnx to the triple-alarming capabilities of the DX-398, I remember to check for the alleged Esperanto broadcast from RHC at 2230 on 15370: at 2231, no signal, not even on the air. Maybe a breakdown, since 11730 and 15230 are also anomalous, on the air, but with open carrier only, and in the case of the latter, much stronger than usual on this frequency, on wrong antenna too? JBA under it was R. Australia.

RHC Spanish was going after 2230 on 11770, and RNV relay on 11670;

12040 RHC seemingly on too, making SAH under sports from PORTUGAL, q.v. I reset the alarm again and check again at 2250. NOW, 15370 is on the air with horrible, distorted rap. Surely this is not Esperanto, which altho inexorably mired in Marxism here, is a semi-intellexual pursuit! Previous weeks during this semihour, Creole, French or Quechua has been carried. No, at 2253 it IS Esperanto being announced!

Meanwhile at 2250, `En Contacto`, the DX program in Spanish is audible on 12040 with RDPI now off, 11770, 9820, 6140, 5040; while 11730 and 15230 are still open carrier. Just another day of SNAFUs at RHC and RadioCuba. See also USA: WRMI (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6140, RHC in Spanish at 3-5 UT, S=9+15dB, 0345 UT Jan 17. Flowery songs in Spanish. \\ 6060 S=9+5dB, 5040 kHz in 60 mb S=9+10dB.

6000 very weak signal, compared to the Spanish lang outlets at same time on Jan 17 at 0418 UT. But I guess heard English "DXers Unlimited" program, S=6-7. No parallel 49 mb outlet noted so far (Wolfgang B¸schel, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST) 6050

Today`s RHC SNAFU roundup so far, Jan 17: 11760 missing at 2051 when English hour should have been on, audiblizing AWR on 11755; see USA [non]. Next check at 2122, 11760 on with scheduled French.

12040, off before 2100, on with Spanish around 2105, off again at 2119; anyhow, RDPI not on 12040 at all, this being a weekday with no sillyballgame, so no `extraordinary emission`.

9153.0, extremely strong S9+25+ open carrier before 0700 Jan 19 became 5-character cut spy numbers at 0702, on A2, i.e. modulated 1 kHz tones on continuous carrier, like Arnie`s DXers Unlimited closing on RHC.

Since I quit listening after 0700 tuned to XEPPM 6185, when I turn on the FRG-7 at 1211, it`s already off, but I hear RHC on 6190, very poor but steady // 6000, 6095, 6140, 6150, all seeming synchronized. 6095 would leap over 6150 to land on 6205, so that doesn`t work out, and it would leap over 6140 (probably different site, undermodulated) to land on 6185, so not that either. Ah·, 6000 leaps over 6095 another 95 kHz higher to land on 6190. Reverse leap of these could put a twin on 5905. Could not hear 6190 after 1216.

The RHC studio clock is losing more and more. Timechex have been running at least a minute slow, and Jan 19 at 1231:45 on 6000, Tony GÛmez claims it`s ``exactamente las 7 con 30 minutos``. Can`t they pick up Radio Reloj?

At 1256, 6000 and 6095 were off, transmitters about to move to 13 MHz, while 6140 and 6150 were still on. Then 6150 went off a few sex before

1301, with 6140 remaining, where it should stay all day.

12040, Jan 19 at 1317, RHC with echo and 3 Hz SAH, so they are running transmitters from both sites here! Great internal coˆrdination. Subject: what else but Los 5, and Luis Posada Carriles. RHC cannot get thru a single hour without devoting a sizeable fraxion to these, its absolutely obsessive propaganda targets, yawn (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CUBA [and non]. CUBA ELIMINATES SPANISH-CNN FROM CABLE TV

Cuba eliminated the US channel Spanish-CNN from the cable TV package provided to hotels and foreign companies on the island, an official from the state-owned International Telecable Co. confirmed yesterday. ìIt was decided not to transmit anymore the Spanish-CNN on cable television, as a company policy. This service has been retired from all the clients who purchased this service in the country,î the source told Xinhua, without giving further details

Telecable Co, the only one that provides the service in Cuba, stopped broadcasting Spanish-CNN on 6 January and many customers thought it was a technical problem, but Telecable confirmed ìit was a decision.î The channel can now only be captured via satellite, a service that the company supplies to a small group of customers, mainly foreigners, including embassies, at a price of about US$1,500 a year, three times more expensive than cable television. However, Telecable keeps its English-CNN cable TV service.

CNN opened its office in Cuba in 1997, with a correspondent who reports for both the English and Spanish services. In recent months, Cuban official media have been accusing the Spanish-CNN ìof participating in a media campaign against Cuba, and also of being under the increasing influence of the anti-Castro exiles in Miami.î

International Telecable, owned by the State Corporation CIMEX, manages the distribution of direct, cable and interactive television signals, for hotels and tourist facilities, commercial enterprises and government agencies, according to its website. Cubans only receive the national media, all state owned, and cannot legally access the cable or satellite television services, which are only allowed on the island to the state agencies, tourist facilities, foreign companies, foreign residents or diplomatic missions, by payment in ìhardî currency, dollars or Cuban convertible pesos. (Source: Xinhua)(January 15th, 2011 - 14:14 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

For a non-communist version:
http://kimelli.nfshost.com/index.php?id=10481
(via DXLD)

** CUBA [non]. 7210-SSB, had not heard anti-Castro rants from N1NR lately, but there he is Jan 18 at 1409 with ``regimen opresiva castrista``. Long pauses as his contacts were supposedly replying, but not audible here, so duplex on another frequency, or is he just pretending to be in contacts with imaginary friends, to justify his rants as non-broadcasts? 1415 finally heard someone reply.

Then he discusses connexion between ``left`` (izquierdo) and ``sinister`` from Latin. N1NR is Nelson Roig, in Bushkill PA. Had some CCI from a broadcaster in Japanese, CRI via Xian during this hour only. Aoki shows no 500 kW CRI at 12-14, but 20 kW from Yunnan and Vietnam, 100 kW from Eritrea. I used to hear him during the 12 UT hour, at least during DST (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CYPRUS. 15065-15085, OTH radar pulsing, presumed from here, Jan 14 until abrupt stop at 1437*, uncovering very weak AM signals on 15065, 15080, i.e. EGYPT.

13955-13980, stronger OTH radar, presumed from Cyprus, Jan 14 at 1442, keeping out of 20m as well as 19 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** CZECHIA. RADIO PRAGUEíS SHORTWAVE SITE TO BE CLOSED
From Radio Pragueís Mailbox programme broadcast yesterday:

Armin Gerstberger from the United States asked this question among others: ìI was wondering what will happen to your shortwave transmission facility in Litomysl after 1/31/2011. Will it be maintained for future use by Cesky rozhlas, rented out or sold off?î

Radio Prague answered: The Litomysl transmitter has been closed down and the staff laid off. As for now, it is unclear whether the facility will be dismantled or whether it will be preserved for potential future operation (Source: Radio Prague)(January 17th, 2011 - 16:35 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DXLD)

Er, not quite closed down yet, surely (gh, Jan 18, ibid.)

** CZECHIA [non]. 9955, R. Prague in English via WRMI, Jan 19 at 0703 good but with lite pulse jamming on a fine night for MUF from SFL, 0704 ending news already, previewing topix for rest of semihour. With Radio Prague slated to self-destruct its own SW broadcasts at monthend, we await word whether WRMI will continue them beyond (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DJIBOUTI. 4780, RTV Djibouti (Djibouti), 0410-0416, 1/14/2011,

Arabic. Lively Horn of Africa music with short announcements by man. Poor but readable signal with fading (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, G6 and whip antenna, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

This one really gets out; I remain somewhat surprised by hearing it audibly, frequently, fourth only to the Cubans and WWCR on 60m (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. 450 kHz, PPA (aero beacon), Puerto Plata. 0115 January 15, 2011. Clear, fair. Thanks D. Crawford suggestion to check this one since CBC [CAYMAN ISLANDS, q.v.] was being heard (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR. 6050, HCJB, Pichincha, *0825-0833, 16-01, tuning flute music, anthem, female, Quechua, "HCJB, Quito, 1060 AM, onda corta 6050", comments. Interference from Radio Habana Cuba. 32322 (Manuel MÈndez, Lugo, Spain, Logs in Friol, 27 km W of Lugo, Grundig Satellit 500 and Sony ICF SW 7600 G, Cable antenna, 10 meters, faced WSW, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6050, HCJB. 2154-2201 January 16, 2011. Clear and fair with Spanish gospel programming, HCJB La Voz de los Andes canned ID by man 2159, time sounders, back to Spanish programming (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR [non]. Where to hear DXPL (now that WWCR no longer airs it) With WWCR no longer airing DX Party Line, since the long-running DX Block on Saturday nights has been canceled, one has to try for the show via HCJB-Australia at 1315 Saturday on 15400, or on airings via WRMI-9955 (if not jammed). (Joe Hanlon, NJ, Jan 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Or maybe via IRRS Slovakia. For all of which see
http://www.worldofradio.com/dxpgms.html
And would it kill HCJB to put it at least once on their own 6050? Preferably when RHC is not blocking it? (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** ECUADOR [non]. 3955, 1650 31 Dec, HCJB, Voice of the Andes via Sitkunai, [LITHUANIA], religious program in German, ID, SIO 444 (Tony Rogers, Birmingham UK, AOR 7030+/LW, Eton E1/AOR LA380 loop, Jan BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

So they still ID as Die Stimme der Anden? Is the German program even produced in Ecuador any more? (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. 11510, 1857, Radio Cairo opens with middle eastern music,

frequent breaks in audio. At 1859:15 time pips, theme music and ident as ìThe Overseas Service of Radio Cairoî. Good strength but audio slightly distorted, 20/12 (Bryan Clark at Mangawhai, New Zealand, with AOR7030+ and Alpha Delta Sloper, EWEs to NE, E and SE, plus various 100 metre BOGs to the Americas, Jan NZ DX Times via DXLD)

17870, Radio Cairo, 1327, English, disco music ("Take Your Time" by the SOS Band), brief news headlines by a woman, then "Take Your Time" faded up to 1330 time pips and plug pulled. Excellent signal. Jan 7 (David Sharp, NSW: NRD-535D, FT-950, Sony 7600GR, Drake R8, Timewave 599zx and others, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EGYPT. ERU Radio Cairo B-10 schedule [updated]

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 6225 1800 1900 28          ABZ 250 315 Ita
 6270 0045 0330 7-9         ABZ 250 315 Spa,Eng
 6270 1600 1800 40          ABZ 250 90  Urd
 6270 1800 1900 28          ABZ 250 315 Ita    alt 5770
 6270 1900 2245 27,28       ABZ 250 330 FrEnGe alt 5770
 6290 1900 0700 8,9,27,28   ABS 250 315 Ara
 6860 2000 2200 55,59       ABZ 250 110 Ara
 9250 1700 2300 47E,48W     ABZ 250 180 Ara
 9250 2330 0045 13S,14,15   ABS 250 241 Ara
 9280 1700 1900 29,39N      ABS 250 5   Tur
 9280 1900 2000 29          ABS 250 5   Rus
 9280 2030 2230 46,47       ABS 250 241 Fre
 9295 1900 0030 48,53       ABZ 100 160 Ara
 9305 1900 0700 8,9,27,28   ABS 250 315 Ara
 9315 0045 0330 7-9         ABZ 250 315 Spa,Eng alt
 9745 0400 0600 48S,53      ABZ 250 170 Saw
 9855 2000 2200 55,59       ABZ 250 110 Ara
 9900 2215 0200 13,15       ABZ 250 245 PorAr
 9915 0045 0200 10,11       ABS 250 282 spa
 9940 1845 2000 46          ABZ 200 245 Ful
 9940 2215 0200 13,15       ABZ 250 245 PorArSp alt
 9990 1800 2100 46,47NW     ABS 250 241 Hau
11510 1900 2030 46,47,52    ABZ 250 250 Eng
11540 1900 0030 48,53       ABZ 100 160 Ara
11555 1845 2000 46          ABZ 200 245 Ful     alt
11590 2300 0430 6,7         ABZ 250 330 Ara [English 2300-2430!! gh]
11740 0400 0600 48S,53      ABZ 250 170 Saw
11750 1500 1600 30          ABZ 250 50  Ozbaki
11760 2215 0200 13,15       ABZ 250 245 Por
12170 1600 1800 47,52,57    ABZ 150 195 Eng
13580 1500 1600 27,28       ABZ 250 330 Alb
13745 0400 0600 48S,53      ABZ 250 170 Saw     alt
15040 1330 1530 30S,40N     ABZ 100 70  Per
15060 1015 1215 39,41,49,54 ABZ 250 90  Ara
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15065 1300 1600 40NE        ABZ 250 70  DaPaDa
15080 1300 1600 46,47,52    ABS 250 241 Ara
15160 1500 1600 30          ABZ 250 50  Ozbaki  alt
15285 1600 1900 48,53       ABZ 100 160 AfSomAm
15290 1900 2030 46,47,52    ABZ 250 250 Eng     alt
15345 1600 1800 47,52,57    ABZ 150 195 Eng     alt
15710 1230 1400 49,54       ABS 250 106 Indones
15780 1500 1600 30          ABZ 250 50  Ozbaki
15800 0700 1100 46,47       ABZ 100 250 Ara
17495 1300 1600 46,47,52    ABS 250 241 Ara
17510 0700 1100 46,47       ABZ 100 250 Ara
17550 1300 1600 40NE        ABZ 250 70  Pashto  alt
17580 1230 1400 49,54       ABS 250 106 Ind
17810 1530 1730 48S,53      ABZ 250 170 Saw
17870 1215 1330 41,49       ABZ 250 90  Eng
21480 1015 1215 39,41,49,54 ABZ 250 90  Ara
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(ERU, Jan 2011 via Wolfgang B¸schel, Jan 16, tidied up by gh for DXLD)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA [non]. CONVICTED EVANGELIST'S ALLEGED 'ENFORCER' DEAD --- Associated Press - January 14, 2011 7:24 PM ET
http://www.katv.com/Global/story.asp?S=13847607

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) - The man authorities sought for serving as the alleged enforcer for convicted evangelist Tony Alamo has died in Kentucky.

Fort Smith police said Friday that John Erwin Kolbeck died from apparent natural causes on Thursday. Officials say the FBI was able to figure out Kolbeck's identity because a woman with him in Louisa, Ky., was also wanted. Police say Kolbeck's identity was confirmed through his fingerprints and tattoos.

Witnesses testified during court proceedings for Alamo that Kolbeck administered savage beatings to discipline children and adults in Alamo's compound in Fouke. Kolbeck had been on the run for two years, wanted on felony battery and fleeing charges.

Alamo is serving a 175-year federal prison sentence for transporting children across state lines for sex (via Fritze H Prentice, Jr, Star City AR, DXLD)

** EQUATORIAL GUINEA. 15190, R. Africa has not been heard for quite some time here, all year? Anyhow, Jan 17 at 2117 there is no trace of even a carrier, adjacent to strong YFR/Ascension on 15195. Has anyone been hearing 15190 lately at any hour? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Radio Africa was RS55 with deep QSB on 15190 from 1545 to 1630 with

religious programming (Billy Grahamís Hour of Decision, etc.) At 1626 an OM announced as ìYou are listening to Radio Africa.î Gave an Accra, Ghana mailing address. Rx here is FTDX-5000D and antenna was the KLM-34XA tribander yagi up 20 meters (Phil Finkle, K6EID, GA, Jan 18, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Brazil and Equatorial Guinea Mixing --- 15190, Radio Africa on Jan 18 at 2126 with a woman reading from Scripture and a man explaining text (Fair rising above Brazilian then mixing after 2130 Jan 18 (Mark Coady, Peterborough, ON K9J 6X3, NASWA yg via DXLD)

** ERITREA. Up to six transmitters observed on air, e.g. 8 Dec:
0445, Program A on 7120 7160 7165 7175 7185
0445, Program B on 5060
1545, Program A on 7120 7160 7165 7185
1545, Program B on 7175
1545, Program C on 5060
(Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, Jan BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

I guess A, B and C are his designation. WRTH 2011 page 185 has only a program 1 and program 2 with quite contradictory groupings (gh, DXLD)

7205, Voice of Broad Masses of Eritrea (Asmera), 0418-0425, 1/14/2011, vernacular. VOBM 1 program with Horn of Africa music. Short announcement by a man, some animal sounds, and talk by a group of men with an occasional few bars of music. Moderate signal on a very good night for Eritrean and Ethiopian stations.

Also heard VOBM 2 on 7165 and 7175 with talk by a woman in the 0415-0430 timeframe (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, G6 and whip antenna, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

Re 11-02: "The same program was also heard on 7165 & 7185, both rated 15431, occasional amateur QRM. (Carlos GonÁalves)

- Certainly not spurs, also they are sometimes reported as not //, not to 7175 nor to each other. However, 7175 currently signs off around 1800 as the others ones, not 2000 as it was still a few weeks ago. Also modulation + signal seems to be weaker than usual. Maybe replacement transmitter? One more puzzle in that freq range: there's sometimes another carrier on approx 7185.2, this one signing off a bit before, or sometimes much after 1800, no idea what this might be as modulation seems to be also quite low.

Very interesting to read in the unID list that 4770 was also // 5060. Wondering about 5070: So far unreported elsewhere, but in DXLD 1101 5980 was reported. An image of that one? (Thorsten Hallmann, M¸nster, Germany, http://africalist.de.ms Jan 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ETHIOPIA. 7235+, quite a het on hi side of VOA Korean via TINIAN 7235.0, Jan 14 at 1423, presumably one of the Ethiopian transmitters via longpath. In HFCC? Of course not! As an outlaw and jamming nation, Ethiopia refuses to participate, not a single entry despite all its SW transmitters.

BTW, Robertas Pogorelis visiting Ethiopia was hearing R. Ethiopia on 4910, which we compute to be a leapfrog mixing product of 9560v over 7235v, another 2325 kHz lower, including English at 1735. See his full reports in DX LISTENING DIGEST 11-02, http://www.w4uvh.net/dxld1102.txt (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7234.2, 1630 21 Dec, R. Ethiopia external service, English news, ID, ex-7110, SIO 222. Also on 7235, 1625 UT 13 Dec, pop music, English ID, 1630 news (Dave Kenny, Caversham, Berkshire, AOR 7030+, Wellbrook K9AY, 90m bev, LW, Sony XDR F1HD, Jan BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD) The het I have been hearing earlier on VOA Korean (gh, DXLD)

9560, Voice of Peace and Democracy (Gedja Jewe), 0425-0431*, 1/14/2011, Tigrinya. Horn of Africa music. Theme music at 0429 followed by announcements by man. Open carrier at 0430:40. Gone at 0431. Good signal with fading.

9704, Radio Ethiopia (Gedja Dera), 0431-0434, 1/14/2011, Amharic. Horn of Africa music. Talk by woman in presumed Amharic at 0432. Joined by man with echoing audio at 0433. Poor signal with fading (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, G6 and whip antenna, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

Re 11-02: "4910 works out to be a leapfrog mixing product of 9560 over 7235, and does not have to be //, just from the same site" (gh) "at 1625 in vernacular, at 1735 in English." (Robertas Pogorelis)

- 7235 and 9560 are usually // for external service. But: Schedule is vernacular/clandestine until 1600, English 1600-1700, French 1700-1800 (the latter confirmed today). And: both transmitters vary by some 100 Hz, currently I would expect a leapfrog on 4909.7 kHz (9559.9 - 7235.1 = 2324.8, 7235.1 - 2324.8 = 4909.7). Inaudible here. Of course, Zambia on 4910 would be also not such a big surprise.

"He (English service staff at R. ETH -TH) was insisting that 7110 kHz is the best for listening to the Ethiopian Radio in Europe" (Robertas Pogorelis)

- Interesting enough that they believe to know that. But 7110 has not been heard here since approx. August. Definitely inactive at least most of the day. Only, irregular freq. is 9705 kHz. Heard well today

Jan. 17th before Niger came on at 1700 (Thorsten Hallmann, M¸nster, Germany, http://africalist.de.ms Jan 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** EUROPE. FREE RADIO QSLs:

R. Brandaris Int, 6300 KHz, QSL, personal letter, fridge magnet in 11 months for e-rpt to brandaris.radio@hotmail.com

Free Radio Network, 3905 KHz, full detailed e-mail confirmation in 2 days for e-rpt to music@freeradionetwork.co.uk

R. Underground, 3900 KHz, E-QSL in 2 days for e-rpt to radioundergroundsw@gmail.com

R. Tower, 6200 KHz, E-QSL in 2 days for e-rpt to radiotower@home.nl

Marinebroadcasters, 6530 KHz, E-QSL in 4 days for e-rpt to marinebroadcasters@hotmail.com

Mike Radio, 6915 KHz, E-QSL in 4 days for e-rpt to mikeradio@live.nl

R. Mistletoe, 6240/6310 KHz, 2 E-QSLs in 6 days for e-rpt to radiomistletoe@live.com

Free Radio Victoria, 6450/7630 KHz, 2 E-QSLs in 5 days for e-rpt to freeradiovictoria@hotmail.com

Black Bandit Radio, 6375 KHz, E-QSL in 7 weeks for e-rpt to Dr. Tim. Answer came from og-frl@zonnet.nl

R. Bluestar, 6217 KHz, E-QSL in 1 day for e-rpt to bluestarradio@live.nl

Baken 16, 3885 KHz, E-QSL in 2 weeks for e-rpt to baken16@rock.com
Old Time Radio, 6295/15070 KHz, 2 E-QSLs in 10 days for e-rpt to oldtime48@gmail.com

R. Dutchwing, 6386 KHz, E-QSL in 2 weeks for e-rpt to radiodutchwing@live.nl

Overijssel Radio, 4065 KHz, E-QSL in 1 day for e-rpt to verzoek@overijsselradio.nl

Low Power Radio, 6390 KHz, E-QSL in 1 day for e-rpt to lowpowerradio@hotmail.com

Appelflap Radio, 4030 KHz, E-QSL in 3 days for e-rpt via Dr. Tim. Answer came from og-frl@zonnet.nl

R. Tropiq, 6965 KHz, E-QSL in 1 week for e-rpt to
radiotropiq@gmail.com

R. Lowland, 6310 KHz, E-QSL in 4 hours for e-rpt to
radiolowland@hotmail.com

Atlantic 2000 Int, via R. Amica, 7610 KHz, QSL, info letter in 1 week
for e-rpt to atlantic2000international@gmail.com

R. Universe, 6425 KHz, E-QSL in 3 weeks for e-rpt to
radiouniverse@hotmail.com

R. Jan van Gent, 6953 KHz, E-QSL in 1 week for e-rpt to
radiojanvangent@gmail.com

R. Face de Blatte, 6515 KHz, E-QSL in 1 day for e-rpt to
radio.rfb@gmail.com

Atlantic Radio, 6960 KHz, QSL, postcard in 7 weeks for e-rpt to
info@atlanticradio.ie

Geronimo Shortwave, 6265 KHz, E-QSL in 2 days for e-rpt to
geronimoshortwave@hotmail.com

Central Radio Int, 6325 KHz, E-QSL in 2 days for e-rpt to
joek5839@yahoo.com

Shoreline Radio, 9290/15065 KHz, 2 E-QSLs in 3 days for e-rpt to
shorelineradio@hotmail.com

R. Merlin Int, 6280/6325 KHz, 2 E-QSLs in 1 day for e-rpt to
radiomerlin@blueyonder.co.uk

R. Scotland, 6400 KHz, QSL, personal letter, stickers in 10 days for
e-rpt to radioscotland@hotmail.com

R. Black Power, 6395 KHz, E-QSL in 2 days for e-rpt to
radioblackpower@hotmail.com

R. Bil· Hora, 2345 Khz (USB), E-QSL in 2 days for e-rpt to
rbh@email.cz

You can see some images in my blog: http://maresmedx.blogspot.com/
(Artur Fern·ndez Llorella, Catalonia, Spain, Jan 14, HCDX via DXLD)

** FRANCE. Construction of Alliss Antenna Issoudun

Hello Friends, In 1992 Telediffusion France (TDF) signed contracts with Thomson-CSF for the constructing of their Alliss antennas at the Issoudun transmittersite in France. All the antennas they named after wellknown rivers like Danube, Wolga and Mecong.

The construction started in 1993 and France National Television transmitted a report about the construction of the first one: Wolga. The video can be downloaded here for viewing:
http://www.mediafire.com/?vf7104cjgxyr3s6
Have Fun! (Jan Oosterveen, Netherlands, Jan 16, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

** GAMBIA. GAMBIA BANS ONLY INDEPENDENT RADIO STATION AIRING NEWS

Gambian authorities on Thursday shut the only independent radio station in the nation that has continued to broadcast news, according to local journalists. National Intelligence Agency officials summoned Ismaila Ceesay, managing director of Taranga FM, a community radio station based in Sinchu Alhagie village, southwest of Banjul, for interrogation and ordered the station off the air until further notice, local journalists said.

Journalists told CPJ the ban was in reprisal for the stationís ìnews reviewî programme in which local newspaper stories were read on the air in English and local languages. It was unclear what story or stories prompted the ban.

With a small independent press corps weakened by years of government intimidation and repression, Gambia counts only a handful of private radio stations, which mostly cover sports and entertainment, and a few independent newspapers operating under intense self-censorship. The government operates a television and radio network known as GRTS, which broadcasts only officially approved news. Arrests, torture, physical and verbal intimidation, arbitrary closures of news outlets, repressive legislation, and unsolved murder and disappearance of journalists have forced dozens of independent journalists to flee into exile.

ìWith the closure of Taranga FM, Gambia confirms its status as one of Africaís most censored countries,î said CPJ Africa Advocacy Coordinator Mohamed Keita. ìRadio is a vital source of news in Africa, but listeners in Gambia can now hear only a government mouthpiece. The authorities should restore Taranga FM and all independent broadcasts to return to air.î

Several independent news outlets have been shuttered by the government in recent years, including Citizen FM, Radio 1 FM, a local bureau of Senegalese station Sud FM, and The Independent newspaper, according to

CPJ research.

The ban on Taranga FM came a week after Gambian Justice Minister Edward Gomez dismissed suggestions of human rights abuses in the country as ìmere speculation,î according to an interview published in the private Daily News. In the same interview, Gomez threatened to prosecute any exiled Gambian who dared criticize the governmentís actions. (Source: Committee to Protect Journalists)(January 15th, 2011 - 14:49 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

GAMBIAN AUTHORITIES CLOSE ANOTHER RADIO STATION

On 13 January, 2011 Gambian authorities ordered the closure of Taranga FM, a privately-owned community radio station in a suburb of Serrenkunda, Gambiaís largest city. Although no reason was given for the closure, it followed a visit to the station by personnel of the notorious National Intelligence Agency (NIA) and the pick-up of Ismaila Ceesay, the proprietor of the station.

Media Foundation for West Africa (MFWA) sources reported that Ceesay, was, however, grilled for hours, and released without charge. The sources said Taranga FM is the only station that broadcasts in the local languages and widely reviews the few privately-owned newspapers in the country.

This is not the first time that the authorities have closed down a radio in station in a similar fashion. Two other stations, Sud FM and Citizen FM have been arbitrarily closed down by the regime of President Yahya Jammeh, for no reason. In February 1998 the NIA shut down another radio station, Citizen FM, which was also broadcasting in the local language and arrested and its proprietor, Baboucarr Gaye and news editor, Ebrima Sillah. (Source: Media Foundation for West Africa) (January 18th, 2011 - 19:45 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via DXLD)

** GAMBIA. The Gambia MW --- Arrived finally in The Gambia after a 4 hour drive from Wooler to Birmingham Airport and a 6 hour flight to Banjul. Very hot here and glad to escape UK weather for a while! Location here is Manjai Kunda which is some 7 miles from Banjul and adjacent to the SOS Childrens Village.

A very quick bandscan during daytime only revealed GRTS on 648. This station has very little programmes in English, mainly in Mandinko and Waloff. Closes daily at 1400 gmt and reopens at 1700 gmt.

Had walk along beach from Banjul and passed the derelict site of Radio Syd. The place is overgrown with weeds, all buildings wrecked. Of the three towers, two are still standing but the third has toppled over

and smashed through the roof of the main building. Guy there said most equipment has gone and as far as he knows there are no plans to re-open the station 73`s de DX (G1MXP/The Gambia, Ed, Jan 14, mwdx yg via DXLD)

Hope you have a good break, some early info on Radio Syd
http://www.cwgsy.net/private%2Foffshorepirateradio/radiosyd.html
(Paul, New Zealand, ibid.)

You wouldn't happen to have (or be able to get) coordinates for the station ot towers? It would be interesting to see if they are visible on Google Earth.

Or maybe you can give road/directional references. The Google Earth Images are quite high-res for the area around Banjul (John];') ibid.)

** GERMANY. Tour of the Nauen Transmittersite --- Hello Friends, First of all I wish all of you a healthy and happy 2011. It's been a while that I posted my last message. I found some nice video footage af an open house on 10-06-2006 at the Nauen Transmittersite near Berlin. Both parts you can download for viewing:

Nauen Part 1
http://www.mediafire.com/?l8jw28auwtagd85
Nauen Part 2
http://www.mediafire.com/?ek2dk5hxhq5spbp

Have fun! (Jan Oosterveen, Netherlands, Jan 16, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

** GERMANY [non]. [PORTUGAL/RWANDA/SRI LANKA/UK] DWL planned changes

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DARI    1330-1400 17860 RAMPISHAM  500  76 Middle East
DARI    1330-1400 15275 KIGALI     250  30 Middle East
DARI    1330-1400 12065 TRINCOMALE 250 345 Afghanistan

ENGLISH 1600-1657 15275 SINES      250  80 South Asia from  Jan 21
[WORLD OF RADIO 1548]
ENGLISH 1600-1658  9560 TRINCOMALE 250 345 South Asia till Jan 31
ENGLISH 1600-1658  5965 TRINCOMALE 250  15 South Asia
ENGLISH 1600-1700  1548 TRINCOMALE 400  35 South Asia
ENGLISH 1600-1658 13590 TRINCOMALE  90   5 South Asia tentat. DRM mode

HAUSA   1300-1400 21550 SINES      250 145 WeAF
HAUSA   1300-1400 17800 KIGALI     250 295 WeAF
HAUSA   1300-1357 15260 KIGALI     250 310 WeAF ex 15275

RUSSIAN 1700-1757 15640 SINES      250  40 Western CIS
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RUSSIAN 1700-1757 11645 SINES   250 50 Western CIS from Feb 1
RUSSIAN 1700-1800 11645 TRINCOMALE 250 345 Western CIS till Jan 31
RUSSIAN 1700-1800 11605 KIGALI   250 15 Western CIS
RUSSIAN 1700-1800 9715 WOOFFERTON 300 45 Western CIS
RUSSIAN 1700-1800 9715 WOOFFERTON 300 82 Western CIS
(DWL, Jan 2011) (via Wolfgang B¸schel, Jan 16, DXLD)

PORTUGAL, Frequency change of Deutsche Welle in English:
1600-1700 NF 15275 SIN 250 kW / 080 deg to SoAs from Jan. 20
1600-1700 on 9560 TRM 250 kW / 345 deg to SoAs till Jan. 31
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Jan 18 via DXLD)

** GREENLAND. 3815 USB, KNR, Tasiilaq, 2145-2215*, Dec 19, orchestral tunes including ìGreensleevesî up to 2200, then talk by man presumed news in Danish to 2210 followed by song in English ìDo they know it`s Christmas - Christmas time in Africaî and abrupt closedown at 2215, 24322. Glad to have heard this station due to reports it is to close in February 2011. Last time I heard a station from Greenland was Angmagssalik R, OZL, on 7570 in Nov 1953 !! (Patrick Cody, Nenagh, Ireland, DSWCI DX Window Jan 12 via DXLD)

3815 USB, 2105-2120 fade out 12.01, KNR, Tasiilaq, Greenlandic talk and music 25332. 15 minutes later QRM from utility conversation on 3817 USB.

3815 USB, 2150-2214* 15.01, KNR, Tasiilaq, Danish orchestra music, news, 2212 music, 13/5321 [sic, means I=3 with QRM, I=5 without???], QRM Russian Airports Calls (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DXLD)

Power listed in WRTH as only 200 watts, and there is another broadcast seldom reported, at 1500-1615 (gh, WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DXLD)

** GUAM. 5765-USB, Jan 14 at 1407, country music barely detectable vs my cable DTV converter bubble-jammer, so AFN still not back to news/talk format. You never know from one day to the next.

5765-USB, AFN barely audible Jan 17 at 1344 with country music, not news/talk.

5765-USB, Jan 19 at 1351, AFN with C&W music, W&M DJs mentioning a contest on ``---- Country``. Better signal now than an hour earlier (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUATEMALA. 4052 [sic, should be 4052.5-], Radio Verdad, Chiquimula, 0555-0606*, 1/11/2011, ID and talk by woman in English. Announcements by man and woman on the hour in what may have been Spanish. National

anthem at 0602. Transmission ended at 0606. Poor signal with fading, improving during anthem (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, G6 and whip antenna, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

4052.5-, TGAV, checking just before sign-off Jan 14: it`s usually detectable but too weak for easy copy, and now at 0558 the intonation seems like Japanese: certainly possible as they do have IDs in various languages for benefit of DXers, tho best time for reception there would be sign-on, *1100/1130v.

New pennant package received Jan 13 in the p-mail. It`s the same design as the old yellow one, but now instead of rubberized plastic, it`s on finer fabric from which the lettering is not likely to pull off by sticking to itself or something else next to it, just as Dr Madrid had promised. It`s a darker more golden tone, and the frequency has been changed from ``4.0525 Mhz. 74.03 Mts Banda SW1`` to ``4055 Khz. 74.3 Mts Banda SW1``.

The shape is slightly different; instead of a V at the bottom from which the fringe hangs, it`s a gentle curve, and the fringe matches the fabric. At the top, instead of a plastic tube thru which the hangstring goes, the string goes thru the pocket without a tube, which means it buckles if you hang it from a single point. It would be advisable to insert such a tube, perhaps removed from an old pennant, and restring the hanger thru it, which should not be difficult as tho of much heavier gauge now, it can easily be untied and retied.

Also in the bulky envelope we found another copy of QSL 8, the green one showing a quetzal for their 8th anniversary in 2008, for my multiple e-mail reports in Sept-Nov 2010, endorsed on the back for the various power levels involved, 50, 500 and 210 watts.

Also received were three (!) 2011 calendars. One is inside a Spanish tract emanating from Federal Way, Washington state, in lavender print, showing moon phases by symbols.

The other two are locally produced, both with a color portrait of Dr. Madrid and another unID evangelist, both of them with name tags around their necks, evidently shot at some reunion, captioned ``Nueva Radio Lwenge FM, Congo, ¡frica``. One of the calendars is a single sheet, showing all the months of 2011 with no more info about them.

The other has tear-off pages for each month, but the tearing would be messy with the three staples facing down. This one primarily shows moon phases not only by symbols, but ``Luna Nueva``, ``Cuarto Creciente``, ``Luna Llena``, ``Cuarto Menguante``. A few holidays are also specified, along with plenty of Bible quotations to fill in the blanx. All this is in Spanish, plus an insert in English which reads:

```Educational and Evangelical Station ``Radio Truth``
Y Programa ``Volviendo a Jes˙s``
Apartado #5,
Chiquimula, Guatemala, C.A.

Dear Listener:
Thank you for preferring ``Radio Truth``.
We are enclosing our new calendar and our Radio Pack. We trust that
you will continue tuning our Radio Station, with high academic,
musical and spiritual quality.
God bless you richly.
On behalf of Radio Truth,
/s/ Dr. …dgar AmÌlcar Madrid
Manager and Director.```

This time, the traditional slip showing the step-by-step devolution of a human being into a pig due to alcoholism, was not included; nor the roster of DX reports received from all over the world; nor the English form letter about the station`s history. The heavier calendar no doubt accounts for much of the postage cost.

On the airmail envelope, with the red and blue diamonds around the borders, the hand-stamp postmark is too dim to make out the date, but it is atop three postage stamps, two identical Q10.00, unfortunately both underneath the third stamp of Q5.00. They show very colorful fabric designs, with extremely small captions at the bottom edge, all attributed as ``obra Priscilla Bianchi``, and mixed with some alfanumerix, to Maria de LeÛn, the latter perhaps the photographer? [or stamp designer] Also unfortunately, one of the Q10 stamps is torn as it was not firmly attached to the envelope, which was securely sealed on the back by a large piece of cellophane tape.

4052.5-, TGAV, Jan 19 at 1220, S9+12 with music, but rather distorted and carrier unstable with BFO on (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUATEMALA. …dgar AmÌlcar Madrid, der Direktor des momentan selten bei uns hˆrbaren Radio Verdad aus Guatemala auf 4052.5 kHz (nur 210 Watt!) hat mir heute geschrieben.

Ich habe die Station vor wenigen Tagen schwach gehˆrt und mich ¸ber den seltenen empfang recht gefreut. Da ich dann auf der Webseite gelesen hatte wie es um die Station steht - nicht gut - und es bewundernswert finde wie man in Chiquijmula einen Sendebetrieb auf Kurzwelle aufrechterhalten will und dieses in einem tropischen Land sicher alles andere als einfach ist, wollte ich meinen kleinen Beitrag dazu leisten, fand nur keine Info dazu auf der Webseite. Hier die
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Antwort des Stationsdirektors:

We had a long fight (two years) to get our short wave transmitter on the air again. Thanks to Eng. Ralph Borthwick, from Canada, we got our transmitter repaired and a very effective new antenna built.

About a month ago, we had one module amplifier accidentally burned out, and now, we are transmitting with 210 watts only. (That was a new attack from Satan.) We hope to have the other amplifier repaired very soon. We are facing another trouble, and it is that our transmitter is delaying from one and a half to two hours to get started in the morning. Anyhow, our signal is very strong still, due to the effectiveness of the new antenna.

Thank you for your intentions of providing us with an offering. We are desperately needing offerings, but we have not received any. (You know, we don't ever advertise offerings. We operate by faith.)

If you visit our Web Site, on the left menue, there is an article entitled "Radio Truth up to Date". In that article, I published last week the information that Radio Truth is on a financial bankruptcy status right now, as we spent very much money on the recent repairs. And this is despite that Brother Borthwick did not charge us any money for the repairs he did. So, if you send us an offering, you will help us on this difficult situation, and you will become the second person in the whole world who has helped Radio Truth financially (The other one did several years ago, and he is from Finland). You just do whatever God our Lord leads you to do. …dgar AmÌlcar Madrid, Apartado 5, Chiquijmula, Guatemala.

Da der Empfang und eine QSL von Radio Verdad sicher so manche Hˆrecke verschˆnert hat wollte ich nicht nur meinen Empfangsbericht schicken sondern einen kleinen Beitrag auch im Namen der A-DX Gemeinschaft leisten. Noch ist nicht klar wie ich meine Spende nach Guatemala bringe, ich halte euch aber am laufenden.

Ich finde der Sender hat sich eine Unterst¸tzung verdient!
<http://www.radioverdad.org>
(Christoph Ratzer, Austria, A-dx via Jan WWDXC DX News via DXLD)

** HUNGARY. MAGYAR KATOLIKUS RADIO WILL CLOSE DOWN MW

Hallo ! Gerade auf http://www.radioenthusiasts.blogspot.com

Magyar Katolikus Radio 1341 kHz is closing down. They are not permitted to transmit from January 16th, 2011 as their licence has not been renewed by the government. According to MKR webpage they will also close the 810-transmitter. (Info from Tibor Szilagyi via Bengt

Ericson, ARC)

2010.12.09 http://www.katolikusradio.hu/
VÈteli leheto"sÈgeink v·ltoz·s·rÛl
http://www.katolikusradio.hu/?m_id=7&m_op=view&id=346
(via Patrick Robic, Friday, January 14, 2011 via Dario Monferini, DXLD)

It is not the licence but the transmission contract with Antenna Hung·ria, concluded in 2004 for a seven year period, which expired on Saturday at 2300 UT. Magyar Katolikus R·diÛ found that it was too expensive but could not negotiate a lower price with Antenna Hung·ria, thus decided to pull the plug. As a temporary solution MKR started to use the Magyar TelevÌziÛ mux on Eurobird 9A and tries to get into more cable nets. Their distribution for now:
http://www.katolikusradio.hu/?m_id=6

The termination of the mediumwave signal prompted some protests which culminated in a rally in front of the seat of the Hungarian arch bishop today. Hungarian media quote a statement from the bishops which sounds, as far as one can tell from machine translation, quite put out.

History: MKR first appeared on 1341 kHz on 26 May 2004 and started its official service four days later. First the old 135 kW transmitter at Szolnok, until 1998 run on 1188 kHz, has been used. In spring 2005 a synchronized transmitter has been added at Balatonszabadi near SiÛfok, a site that had earlier been replaced by the new 500 kW facility at Marcali and only kept as spare since. Originally Balatonszabadi had such a 135 kW transmitter as well, but I understand that it has not been reactivated and the 1341 kHz service from this site started straight with a new TRAM 200 unit, as it has later been installed at Szolnok, too. An echo that appeared immediately after the activation of Balatonszabadi seems to support this assumption.

Photos of the Balatonszabadi site (point mouse over the pictures at bottom of page and look out for alternate text saying "Siofok") are included here:
http://www.transradio.de/index.php?
option=com_content&view=article&id=98%3Aungarn2007&catid=1%3Aaktuelle-nachrichten&Itemid=79?=de

Historical photos of the Balatonszabadi transmitter:
http://www.postamuzeum.hu/ger/exhibitions/gallery/100001/100418.html

The current 1188/1341 kHz diplexing set-up at Szolnok:
http://www.waniewski.de/MW/Szolnok/index.htm

Old photos of the Szolnok transmitter:
http://www.postamuzeum.hu/ger/exhibitions/gallery/100001/100460.html

Not related to MKR, but while we're at the subject of Hungarian mediumwave transmitters:

Marcali (Soviet 500 kW transmitter; until 1998 on 1251 kHz, from 1999 on 1188 kHz, now in synchronized operation with Szolnok):
http://www.postamuzeum.hu/ger/exhibitions/gallery/100001/100441.html

And the Soviet 2000 kW facility at Solt (540 kHz):
http://www.postamuzeum.hu/ger/exhibitions/gallery/100001/100451.html
http://www.panoramio.com/photo/4046483
(Kai Ludwig, Germany, Jan 16, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This Sunday morning (JAN 16) Magyar Katolikus Radio on 1341 and 810 kHz is OFF (Karel Honzik, CZECHIA, MWC yg via DXLD)

Seems that Magyar Katolikus Radio will be off for good:

From 00.00 CET (2300 UT) 16th of January, 2010 the Magyar Katolikus Radio will cease its mw broadcast on all mw band. The frequencies are: 810 khz Lakihegy, 1341 khz Szolnok and Balatonszabadi.

The reason of cease: expiration of frequency licenses. This is the official explanation, but, I don't know whether true or not. The MKR is not so informative in this question. I asked more info from the transmitter operation called Antenna Hungaria, but they couldn't supply more info. Tibor Gaal, Hungary (14/1-2011) and later:

Yesterday the Hungarian media authority (it is called as Media Council) said that they could lengthen the mw broadcast license of Magyar Katolikus Radio for another five years if the radio had asked, but, the radio had never asked it. The radio wants to migrate to FM, but, Hungary has not enough FM band space for a new country-wide network. In far western part of Hungary (Szentgotthard, where I live) the FM is so overcrowded.

We have Hungarian, Austrian (Austria is 10 km away), Slovenian (15 km away) and Croatian (70-80 km away) stations and they occupied the space well before Hungary migrated from OIRT FM (66-74 MHz, popularly was known as 'eastern fm') to CCIR FM (87-108 MHz, which was called at that time as 'western fm band'). I think Magyar Katolikus Radio made a big administrative mistake not submitting its application for renewing mw license on time. And now, the license is expired. Tibor Gaal, Hungary (15/1-2011) Good dxing and 73 (via Ydun Ritz DNK, http://www.mediumwave.info ibid.)

Ydun, thanks for your info. A while ago I got the news that Magyar Katolikusz Radio started on Eurbird 9 satellite today. So it really seems that we have got another at least partly emptied channel although our friends in the UK maybe do not agree :-) (Karel Honzik, CZECHIA, Jan 16, MWCircle yg via DXLD)

1341 kHz in proper style, on a Videoton*) radio, with announcements concerning the imminent closure of the mediumwave signals: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=96OBs907rQ8

And the last minutes with the actual end (caution: it's pretty rude): http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2RH1TP66AR4

A glimpse of the MKR studio: http://picasaweb.google.com/lh/photo/jVEBqb_qgYRTt3T4URaCfA

*) A domestic Hungarian brand. I think at some point Videoton and Mechlabor, known for equipment like tape recorders, were the same company (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Jan 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA. Several Indo-Chinese carriers on 60m, Jan 15 at 1335, and by that I do not mean ``Indochina``; only one with some significant audio is 4920, South Asian music, so more likely Chennai than Lhasa (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4920 and 5010 are usually the best Indian AIR stations on 60m, both evenings and mornings here in California. Lhasa on 4920 is also usually well under the AIR station, again both AM and PM here. I'm sure the RTTY station on 4905 is too strong at your listening time to hear Lhasa on that channel at the same time, since it is //4920. The RTTY station goes off around 1400 virtually everyday noted here (Jim Young, Wrightwood CA, ibid.)

Hi Jim, Tnx for the perspective. Yes, the RTTY is bad, and 1400 is getting to be too late after sunrise. 73, (Glenn to Jim, via DXLD) See UNIDENTIFIED 4800, 4920

** INDIA. 11620, 1425 19 Dec, AIR GOS, song in Hindi, ``And Then He Kissed Me``, English, SIO 232 (Alan Roe, Teddington, Middx, UK, Eton Satellit 750 with telescopic rod antenna, Jan BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

So it`s OK to kiss on the radio, but not in the movies? (gh, DXLD)

** INDONESIA. 7289.96, RRI Nabire, 0403, weak but clear with RRI News, then into nice local vocals. Not much better than threshold, but readable, due to quiet conditions Jan 6 (David Sharp, NSW: NRD-535D, FT-950, Sony 7600GR, Drake R8, Timewave 599zx and others, dxldyg via

DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDONESIA [and non]. 9525, 1901, RRI Jakarta with Voice of Indonesia vgd strength in English with news but QRM from co-channel TWR Monte Carlo opening, 29/12 (Bryan Clark at Mangawhai, New Zealand, with AOR7030+ and Alpha Delta Sloper, EWEs to NE, E and SE, plus various 100 metre BOGs to the Americas, Jan NZ DX Times via DXLD)

?? It`s Manzini, Swaziland, not Monte Carlo, per HFCC, 9525 at 1905-2020 in Lingala, French. Perhaps the Swazi IS reminds of MC (gh, DXLD)

VOI changed to another of the three transmitters in Jakarta Cimanggis. Many months used the split frequency 9525.96v kHz. Now replaced by 9525 kHz, rather 9524.96 kHz. Signal level rather poor at 1905 UT, when much stronger co-channel TWR Manzini station from Swaziland came on air, scheduled 1905-2020 UT (Wolfgang B¸schel, Jan 14, wwdxc BC-DX TopNews Jan 16 via DXLD)

9525-, VOI Tuesday Jan 18 at 1310 in English with news items alternating from Jakarta and Banjarmasin, being Exotic Indonesia excursion day. Few IADs this time! Caught better 9525- VG signal cutting music and off abruptly at 1501* after Indonesian hour (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also PHILIPPINES

9525, Voice of Indonesia, 1340 Jan 18. English hour, with music, man and woman hosts, 1344 welcome to a weekly program but woman was too soft spoken and noise level too high to understand. Didnít hear any intermittent audio dropouts, as is normal, but they may have been masked by the noise. Fair (Harold Sellers, Vernon, British Columbia, Listening in my car with an Eton E1 and AN1 active antenna, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9525-, VOI: While the English hour 13-14 Tuesday lacked IADs, and Harold Sellers agrees, they were back in force during the Japanese hour on Wednesday, Jan 19 at 1246 ñ amid a long one as I intuned, then ``Voice of Indonesia, keeping dignity alive``. ?? It`s IADs they keep alive, on into song opening with English lyrix, then Japanese (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INTERNATIONAL. SILENCE IN THE AIR - 1: THE SOUND OF SILENCE

Quite recently, the nationwide networks of All India Radio and Doordarshan TV were paralyzed in a two day strike by disgruntled employees who were upset over what they described as management inefficiencies and delayed payment of regular salaries. The strike began at 9:00 am local time, corresponding to 0330 UTC on Tuesday November 23.

In view of the fact that the two major points of disagreement were not met to the employees satisfaction, another strike, perhaps a continuing strike, was threatened by the 38,000 members of the employees union of Prasar Bharati and this was scheduled to begin on Monday December 13. However, in view of the fact that this second strike did not take place, it would be apparent that discussions between management and employees must be making progress.

As a result of the strike late November, the programming of all government radio and television stations throughout India was affected and a large number of stations were off the air during this time period. This gave a remarkable opportunity for international radio monitors in India and neighboring countries to check the mediumwave and shortwave bands for previously unheard distant stations on the temporarily empty channels in India.

The employee strike in India is by far the largest strike against any news media anywhere in the world. However, other strikes against other radio stations in other countries have occurred, and there have been other occasions when mediumwave and shortwave stations have been silenced, due to various reasons. That is our topic in this feature item: Silence in the Air, or if you like, according to the title of a popular song, the Sound of Silence.

On occasions there have been short term and limited strikes against both the BBC in London and Radio Australia in Melbourne and these events have affected the programming of both international shortwave stations.

Back in the year 1981, there was a strike by some of the personnel employed by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation and this affected the output from the large shortwave station operated by Radio Canada International at Sackville New Brunswick. The BBC London was on relay from RCI Sackville for 11 hours a day during that era, and because of the strike, this program relay was reduced to a little less than 3 hours a day.

Under the title, the Sound of Silence, letís go way back to the beginning. On August 22, 1922, the entire telephone system throughout the United States and Canada went silent for exactly one minute, beginning at 6:25 pm. The occasion was the death of the illustrious founder of modern telephone technology, Alexander Graham Bell. At the conclusion of the funeral service, every telephone in North America was silenced for one honoring minute.

A similar event occurred as a memorium to Guglielmo Marconi when he died. Marconi is credited as the founder of wireless and radio, and during his lifetime, wireless grew from a crude simple piece of noisy

electrical apparatus that could send Morse Code a few miles, to radio that could instantaneously communicate worldwide and entertain all dwellers upon planet Earth. Marconi died of a heart attack on July 20, 1937, at the age of 63, and in his honor, radio stations all around the world observed two minutes of silence.

Over in India on January 30, 2005, all radio stations went silent for a period of two minutes. On this occasion, it was not a strike by disgruntled workers, but rather a memorium in honor of freedom fighters who lost their lives in Indiaís earlier struggle for independence from Great Britain. At 10:59 that morning, sirens sounded throughout India. Traffic on the roadways came to a standstill, pedestrians came to a stance, trains, planes, buses and ships delayed their 11:00 departures by two minutes, and all radio programming went silent.

A similar circumstance took place in the Philippines on the one year anniversary of the mass murder of 58 people, including 34 radio & TV personnel, the largest mass murder of media personnel anywhere in the world. On November 29, just 6 weeks back, all radio & TV stations throughout the Philippines went silent for 58 seconds, one second for each death.

For a different purpose, all radio broadcasting stations in the United States, all 10,000 of them, went silent for half a minute on May 26, 1989. The purpose of this event was to publicize to the nation the importance of radio in daily life for every person. This project was organized by NAB, the National Association of Broadcasters.

Six years later, a similar event took place in Spain. At exactly 8:30 am on Wednesday October 4, 1995, all radio stations in Spain went quiet for exactly one minute. The purpose for this exercise was to draw attention to the importance of radio in the life of Spainís 20 million radio listeners.

There are times when radio stations have gone silent for other reasons, including economy. Back in the 1940s during an era of electricity rationing because of strikes in coal mines in Australia, all radio stations throughout the continent were required to reduce their hours of transmission, closing in mid evening. This gave the avid DXer a wonderful opportunity to tune in to mediumwave foreign radio stations on his battery operated radio receiver, radio stations not normally heard down under.

Then, for example, the American mediumwave station WPHC in Waverly Tennessee was noted in December 1995 with just one hour of programming every day. Due to financial constraints and yet to keep the station active, it signed on daily at 1:00 pm local time on 1060 kHz, and

after one hour it went silent until the same time on the next day.

We asked Jose Jacob VU2JOS over there in Hyderabad, just what stations were heard on the empty channels during the November strike in India. From his information, and the information of others, we learned that no startling new DX stations were heard, just a few stations in China and other nearby countries in Asia. Those stations in the AIR network that remained on the air during the strike were usually just playing continuous unannounced Indian music, though some gave out test tones, and a very few seemed to be on the air with regular programming.

Next week here in Wavescan - the Sound of Silence Part 2 (Adrian Peterson, IN, AWR Wavescan script for Jan 9 via DXLD)

** INTERNATIONAL INTERNET. KCSC FM, Edmond/OKC, linx to this as explanation for not being allowed to upload playlists in advance: http://blog.publicinteractive.com/soundexchange/wp-content/uploads/2009/08/DMCA-Performance-Complement.doc

I am offended! It keeps talking about ``songs`` so was obviously not written with classical music in mind, most of which does not consist of ``songs``. Plus more onerous regulations for webcasters (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INTERNATIONAL INTERNET. I'm trying to listen to audio streams from U.S. stations, to solve some unIDs, and am finding some stations won't let me in (I'm in Toronto). I've tried a couple anonymous proxy servers, but my attempts to listen are being rebuffed. Are there any reliable, free services online that I can use in Canada to listen to U.S. radio streams? (Saul Chernos, 17 Jan, WTFDA via DXLD)

Isn't it just pathetic that you're just outside the US and can't listen? I always thought that as I tried to watch the Much Music videos online. Nothing pissed me off more than being 3 miles from Canada and not being able to watch a few online video clips! I was always hoping for some tropo to bring wireless from across the bridge (no luck there...) but because it was a time of high bridge traffic, I never found it worth driving across the border with my laptop to find wireless.

But having lived overseas, I feel your pain. I was caught in Korea during the Olympics and explored my fair share of proxies (in the hundreds) and saw how many NBC was viciously taking offline by court order to protect what was their rather lame Olympic broadcast. It became a chore to keep ahead of them, so I compiled a great list of proxy servers. In my experience (a lot of experience!), VPNs, which operate like programs and change settings, etc. to trick the servers at the other end, are reliable, but sooner or later they all end up a

paid service. The one I used during the Olympics was awesome and let me watch overseas videos by connecting to the servers in that country (the US, specifically). Some months back, it started only operating pay servers and the free ones were never online anymore. No coincidence. There are also other ways to change your proxy settings in IE and Firefox, but it's more for the computer saavy people. I'd go with website proxies instead.

On the other hand, if you add proxy websites in your favourites list, you'll find that after some months, the site will have disappeared. They are really prone to going offline, even the best of them. But the best of them also will block you from listening to audio or watching videos through the service because that takes up a lot of bandwidth and bandwidth is money. I struggle endlessly with that issue at the moment. I'm finding it difficult to find a reliable one for that purpose (although mainly I'm searching OUTSIDE the US, since I'm here now).

The best bet for you at the moment would be to explore this site: http://www.freewebproxylist.com/

Test the proxies until you find one that will allow you to connect to streaming audio. Audio should be easier than video for sure, but that site is simply a collection and isn't prone to go offline like many sites it lists. It lists the country and you can search by country as well. It might take a while to find one that has what you want, but I'm sure at least a few will work out in your favour! Good luck :) (Chris Kadlec, Fremont, Mich., Jan 17, ibid.)

** IRAN. 3965.0, Zahedan, here at 0216 with F voice, news/commentary (?), to 0220, M with announcements, and into typical Middle East singing to past 0224. Western style music at 0227-0229* 1/16/11 (Jim Young, Wrightwood, CA, IC-756ProIII + 40 meter yagi and antenna tuner, NASWA yg via DXLD)

7370, VoIRI, Kamalabad. *1430-1445 January 15, 2011. Interval signal, unidentified language male, Iranian classical filler music, into brief Qur'an reading by man at 1432-3, then female with news. Clear and weak, but parallel better 9585 (presumed Sirjan). Listed as Hindi 1430-1500. Thanks Glenn Hauser log of this on 7370 in DXLD. Presume polar longpath? Didn't think I had a shot on this one here, but (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Together with other listeners affected, nice Iranian souvenirs were received as a consolation from IRIB World Service, where a computer mistake caused queries regarding reports that had not been verified for a long time. Along with several letters of apology, these IRIB

frequencies were now verified:
5890/5930/5940/5955/5980/6000/6040/6120/6125/6145/6160/6180/7245/7260/
7265/7285/7325/7345/9505/9560/9635/9680/9700/9710/9730/9760/9765/9820/
11645/11700/11710/12000/13630/13650/15110/15190/15220
(G¸nter Jacob, Passau, Germany, Jan NZ DX Times via DXLD)

** IRAN [non]. Re 11-02: Radio Farda in Persian heard with fair to good reception on 1314 kHz at 2130 UT on 15 January 2011 // 1575 and 5850 kHz.

Did a quick Google search and this posting from Bill Whitacre (via Real DX) indicates it is 1000 kW from Dhabbaya (UAE) and became effective on 1 January 2011:
http://stasjonsnytt.wordpress.com/2011/01/11/radio-farda-tar-i-bruk-1314-khz
(Tony Rogers, Birmingham, UK, Eton E1 / AOR LA380 Loop, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

Thanks for researching the site for this, Tony - I heard R Farda on 1314 kHz at 2315 yesterday (14 Jan, SIO 344) and was wondering what site it was from. Was stronger than parallel 1575 kHz in Lancashire (Alan Pennington, Longton, Lancashire, Sony 7600GR, ibid.) not KUWAIT

UAE, Radio Farda Persian on 1314 kHz also heard in USA.

On Jan 10, Chris Black wrote: Hi all, I just heard Radio Farda on 1314 kHz and was verified as "IBBs Persian service". I have been showing 1314 kHz as the BBC world service from Al Dhabbaya. Can someone verify if this is still correct or should this Persian service be listed differently? Thanks, Chris Black, Cape Cod.

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(Tony Rogers-UK, BrDXC-UK Jan 15, via BC-DX Jan 16 via DXLD)

On Jan 10, 2011, at 8:27 AM, Sylvain Naud wrote: ... and it is. I heard it last night around 2130 UT and it was \\ to 1575 kHz. Did I read that this is a new tx from Kuwait? (Sylvain Naud, RealDX yg Jan 10, ibid.)

It should be Farda 14-24 UT since 1/1/11 and should be \\ 1575 kHz. R Farda on 1314, It is from Dhabaya (Bill Whitacre-USA, RealDX Jan 10, WORLD OF RADIO 1548, ibid.)

Does not specify the transmission power. The 1314 kHz facility, co-

located with the shortwave equipment and in all likelyhood built in one and the same project during the eighties, is/was actually capable of 2000 kW by way of a pair of 1000 kW transmitters, obviously similar to the former 225 kHz site in Poland (which used Brown Boveri transmitters, too). So in theory they could use 2000 kW again, although this does not appear to be too likely (Kai Ludwig, Germany, Jan 16, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** IRAN [non]. 5825, R. Rahoya Iran, Jan 12 *1629-1640, 33433, Farsi, 1629 sign on with opening music, ID, Revolutionary song, Talk.

7480, R. Payam-e Doost, Jan 07 *1800-1810, 35333, Farsi, 1800 sign on with opening music, ID, Opening announce, Talk.

7480, R. Payam-e Doost, Jan 12 *1800-1806, 35333, Farsi, 1800 sign on with opening music, ID, Opening announce, Talk (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, Japan Premium Jan 14 via DXLD)

** JAPAN. 5955, Radio Japan, Yamata. *1314-1320 January 15, 2011. Interval signal in progress at tune-in, into Indonesian programming with female news. Clear and fair. Why the silly quarter past start time? (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KASHMIR. 4950.0, AIR Srinagar, heard at 0114 with music, announcements, to 0130 with TS (// 4880 Lucknow and 4810 Bhopal). Into language news(?) till 0135. All three went into individual programs after 0135. Kashmir extremely strong at 0136, with Lucknow weaker, and Bhopal nearly gone by 0146. Upon re-check at 0207, Kashmir was off! 1/16/11 (Jim Young, Wrightwood, CA, IC-756ProIII + 40 meter yagi and antenna tuner, NASWA yg via DXLD)

** KASHMIR [non]. Today another strange reception. 16 Jan. 2011, 1741, 7100, Radio Pakistan playing traditional subcontinent song, OM singer. Looks like domestic service in Urdu. Weak signal with noise and fades. This FQ is not listed in any DX resources. What is location of transmitter and what is it power? My kindest regards and good DX, 73 (Ihor KARIVETS, Lviv, Ukraine, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re PAKISTAN, 7099.9, Azad Kashmir R, Rawalpindi: Azad Kashmir R has not used 4790 since Jun 2008 and 3975 since Sep 2008 (Anker Petersen, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Jan 12 via DXLD))

** KOREA NORTH KOREA. 6398.737, Pyongyang B.S, 0830 with patriotic music and woman announcer. Warbly transmitter that varied a few Hz either side of this frequency, but well-off 6400 nominal. Jan 7 (David Sharp, NSW: NRD-535D, FT-950, Sony 7600GR, Drake R8, Timewave 599zx and others, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH. Juche jamming with noise quite dominant over clandestines, Jan 15 at 1416, same sound on 6600 and 6518 vs Voice of the People, and almost the same sound on 6348 vs Echo of Hope (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA NORTH [non]. 5910, Jan 14 at 1408 YL in English with headlines about NK, interrupted by news sounders; 1409 ID by OM ``This is Shiokaze, Sea Breeze, from Tokyo, Japan``. Fair, registering S9+15, another Friday in English on ex-5985. No jamming audible.

5910, Shiokaze, Tuesday Jan 18 at 1403, fair signal in Japanese today, with characteristic stingers between items (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KOREA SOUTH [non]. PORTUGAL, Frequency change of KBS World Radio in Arabic: 2000-2100 NF 9840 SIN 250 kW / 105 deg to N/ME, ex 9430 (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Jan 18 via DXLD)

** KURDISTAN [and non?]. Two stations IDing as Voice of Kurdistan continue to be observed, e.g. on 9 Dec:
V. of Kurdistan 1: 0240 on 3931, 0305 on 3932, close at 0328 on 3930.
V. of Kurdistan 2: 0230 on 3970, 4887; 0315 on 3980, 4889; 0332 on 3979, 4878, etc.

Both were in Kurdish. Schedules observed during Dec:
VOK 1 in range 3927-3932: v0240-0330 daily (Fri 0230-0355); 1400-1530 daily
VOK 2 in ranges: 3969-3982 // 4785-4895: 0300-0430 daily (Fri 0230-0450); 1200-1430 daily.
Note that at 0300-0330 & 1400-1430 three transmitters are on the air (Rumen Pankov, Sofia, Bulgaria, Jan BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** KURDISTAN [non]. 11530, V. of Mesopotamia with continuous Kurdish vocal music seguÈs, some of it ululatory, always a treat and reliably unannounced during this hour, 1415 Jan 17. Flutter as usual, and it would be odd to hear such music without the flutter which seems like an essential element of it. Good signal but some hum, via UKRAINE.

If only we could hear RUI this well any more! According to Alexandr Yegorov, Kyiv, ex-RUI, in RusDX 16 Jan, the sole English broadcast left is 2000-2100 on 6030, only remnants of which might make it to northeast America, certainly not here (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I thought it was from Moldavia or the small enclave that seceded from them (Robin Harwood VK7RH, Norwood, Tasmania 7250, Radio Monitor SWLR-KS001, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

HFCC has it as SMF, UKR, i.e. ``Simferopol``, not really, but still inside Ukraine. 73, (Glenn, ibid.)

SMF - veiled confidential site on USSR era, registered at ITU some 40 years ago. Simferopol is really 252 kilometers distance away, eastwards. Real Mykolaiv Ukraine location.

V. of Mesopotamia moved away from Moldova site some 3 seasons ago.

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73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, ibid.)

** KUWAIT. Re: IBB MW Radio Farda Kuwait relay project on probably MW 1386 kHz is now overdue at least 26 months, realization planned in Aug 2008 (Wolfgang B¸schel)

Back in last spring a State Department report critiziced this circumstance, and in response a BBG spokesperson stated that the facility was supposed to be ready in autumn. But wait a moment: Did she mention the year, too? No, we can't (Kai Ludwig, Germany, DX LISTENING DIGEST) 1314 kHz turns out to be UAE: see IRAN [non]

** KUWAIT. New unregistered frequency of Radio Kuwait in Arabic Holy Qur`an: 0500-0900 on 15515 KBD 250 kW / 059 deg to EaAs, instead of registered 11695 (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Jan 18 via DXLD)

15540, since Mark Coady in Ontario was hearing R. Kuwait again in English with news at 1830 Jan 14, good signal, I look for it Jan 15 at 1855: JBA carrier is all we get out here in deep NAm; should gradually improve with oncoming spring if schedule be maintained. Had been generally inaudible in NAm, even Europe since October, above the MUF for winter night-path starting at 9 pm local (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn. Nothing on 15540 at 1800 but about 1805 it was starting to fade in. At 1819 there is pop music but it is quite noisy (Mark Coady, Peterborough, ON K9J 6X3, Jan 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

15540, again Jan 16 at 1823 check, just-barely-audible carrier during English (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KYRGYZSTAN. 4050, R. Rossii Relay, 1910, presumed this and not domestic KGR program. Good signal, but running very low modulation --

just a hint of audio getting through (mostly talk by a man with occasional music bridges). Jan 8 (David Sharp, NSW: NRD-535D, FT-950, Sony 7600GR, Drake R8, Timewave 599zx and others, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** KYRGYZSTAN. 5129.96, R Maranatha / Hit Shortwave, Bishkek, 1448, Jan 13, carrier came on, too weak to take down any specific program details. Noted during random checks to 1801 carrier off again. Has been consistently off frequency this past week. 73, (Martien Groot, Schoorl, Netherlands, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LAOS. 6130, Lao National Radio, 1115, fair with nice local vocals, best in USB to escape lowside slop. Sam Neua (4412v) and the External Service (7145) remain untraced. Donít check for this daily but suspect it may also be irregular. Jan 6 (David Sharp, NSW: NRD-535D, FT-950, Sony 7600GR, Drake R8, Timewave 599zx and others, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6130, LNR, 1156, Jan 14. In Laotian; 1159 indigenous music; 1200 gong/bell rung 7 times; anthem; news; was the best reception in a long time. No hint of 4412.64v; assume is off the air (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6130, Lao National Radio, Vientiane, 2246-2255, Jan 14, indigenous songs, no match for co-channel Xizang PBS. Very pleasantly surprised to find this as I hadn't heard them since July last year and (wrongly?) assumed they were off the air like their Foreign Service on 7145. No definite ID, but cf Ron Howard's latest report which confirms they are active on this frequency (again?). 73, (Martien Groot, Schoorl, Netherlands, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBYA. 21695, V. of Africa, Jan 15 at 1457 English about climate, history of Mauritius, fair while JBA on // 17725. Lucky Mauritius, to get at least this attention on SW, since abandoning its own SW service from Forest Side sesquidecades ago, extinct like the dodo. IIRC it was on 9710 and somewhere on 60m (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MALAYSIA. 5964.80, 2335-2345 13.01, RTM, Kajang, Bahasa Malaysia announcement, songs, 24322, QRM Voice of Turkey 5960 (Anker Petersen, from Skovlunde, Denmark, made on an AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** MALAYSIA. 6049.64, RTM, Kajang, Kuala Lumpur, 2342, Jan 07, Bahasa Malaysia ann, Asiapop, ID before the hour as Salaam FM, good (Graham Bell, Cape Town, South Africa, DSWCI DX Window Jan 12 via DXLD)

** MALAYSIA/SARAWAK. 5030.03, 2255-2330 fade out 13.01, RTM, Kuching, Sarawak, Bahasa Malaysia relaying Sarawak FM with songs by choir, 2300 news, 2315 songs and talk, 35232 (9835 heard with religious programme in German from HCJB, Santiago, Chile!) (Anker Petersen, from Skovlunde, Denmark, made on an AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** MALI. 5995.00, 2345-2359* 13.01, R Mali, Kati, French DJ ann and made phone calls, pop songs e.g. "Let it be", 2358 National Anthem, 45343 (Anker Petersen, from Skovlunde, Denmark, made on an AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres of longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** MAURITANIA. 7245, R. Mauritanie, Nouakchott. January 13, 0631-0639 male reciting Alkoran, male and female on Arabic music. Weak, 24432 (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil, SW40 - Dipoles and Longwire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MAURITIUS. See LIBYA

** MEXICO. [Club Diexista MÈxico] XEANAH 1670 - Radio An·huac

Hola, Desde ayer en la noche (como a las 10 PM hora de la ciudad de MÈxico [0400 UT Jan 17]) empecÈ a sintonizar Radio An·huac XEANAH-AM en la frecuencia de los 1670 kHz. Est· en el perÌodo de pruebas y estuvo emitiendo toda la noche.

Sus estudios est·n en la Cabina 5 del edificio CAD de la Escuela de ComunicaciÛn, ubicado en el campus de la Universidad An·huac - MÈxico Norte. Con direcciÛn en Av. Universidad An·huac s/n, Col. Lomas An·huac, Huixquilucan, Edo. de MÈxico.

El lanzamiento de la emisora ser· el 20 de enero a las 08:30 Hora del centro de MÈxico [1430 UT]. Saludos,

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(HÈctor GarcÌa Bojorge, DF, 17 Jan, club diexista mexico via Juli·n Santiago DÌez de Bonilla, DF, WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DXLD)

Hola HÈctor: he escuchado en el centro sur de la ciudad de MÈxico la transmisiÛn de XEANAH 1670 kHz de onda media durante la maÒana de hoy 17 de enero. Su seÒal es un tanto dÈbil pero audible. Cabe recordar que la Universidad An·huac es una universidad privada y que, su seÒal de radio se origina como lo mencionas, en su campus del norte de la ciudad de MÈxico, ya que cuenta con un campus en la zona sur. Habr·

que desearles toda suerte de Èxitos. Saludos, (Juli·n Santiago DÌez de Bonilla, Jan 17, via WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This station is so new that it is not in the new IRCA Mexican Log, nor in the WRTH 2011, even as a CP (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

As best I can tell with my limited Spanish, this station is in Mexico City. If so, they now have *34* AM stations! (Steve Francis, Alcoa, Tennessee, NRC-AM via DXLD)

D. Smith VERY amateur translation:

Hello. Beginning last night (around 10 PM Mexico City time [0400 UT Jan. 17]) I began to hear Radio An·huac XEANAH-AM on 1670 kHz. They're testing and were transmitting all night.

Their studios are on the 5th floor [in studio 5, not 5th floor --- gh] of the CAD building of the School of Communications, located on the campus of the University of An·huac - Mexico North. The address is Av. Universidad An·huac, Col. Lomas An·huac, Huixquilucan, Edo. de MÈxico.

(DS: Mexico State, which surrounds but does not include Mexico City.)

The official launch of the station will be January 20th at 8:30 Central Mexican Time. [1430 UT]

(HÈctor GarcÌa Bojorge, DF, 17 Jan, club diexista mexico via Juli·n Santiago DÌez de Bonilla, DF, DXLD)

Hello HÈctor; I was listening to XEANAH 1670 kHz AM at my location in the south central part of Mexico City this morning, January 17th. The signal is very weak [rather a bit weak --- gh] but audible. The University of An·huac is a private university; their radio signal originates, as you say, on its north Mexico City campus, although they also have a campus in the south. (DS: not sure about that last clause [correct ñ gh]) I wish them luck and success.
-- (Doug Smith W9WI, Pleasant View, TN EM66, NRC-AM via DXLD)

A little more on XEANAH --- Just listened to WORLD OF RADIO 1548 stream. From Fred Cant˙'s page http://mexicoradiotv.com/index.html

Felicidades a Radio An·huac, XEANAH 1670, de Huixquilucan, MÈxico en su celebracion de gran apertura que viene el 20 de Enero.

and under the frequency table, power is listed as:
1670 XEANAH Radio An·huac Huixquilucan, Mex. 1,000 1,000
(Terry L Krueger, Clearwater FL, 1557 UT Jan 19, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. Visita a XEXQ - Radio Universidad de S.L.P. planea regresar pronto a onda corta

Amig@s de la Radioescucha: Saludos desde San Luis PotosÌ; les invito a visitar mi blog donde he subido informaciÛn de la Radio XEXQ - 6045 kHz, ya que la semana pasada tuve la oportunidad de visitarla.
http://www.entre-ondas.blogspot.com
Les invito a que se comuniquen con ellos (Magdiel Cruz RodrÌguez, Jan 17, 79860 Coxcatl·n, S.L.P. M…XICO, playdx yg via WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DXLD) Viz.:

VISITA A LA XEXQ - ONDA CORTA - RADIO UNIVERSIDAD AUT"NOMA DE SAN LUIS POTOSÕ

Estimados Amig@s de la Radioescucha y el Diexismo:

Es un gusto poder redactar Èstas lÌneas desde mi pueblo Coxcatl·n, en el Estado de San Luis PotosÌ, esperando que Èste 2011 les traiga lo mejor de lo mejor en todos los ·mbitos.

XEXQ, Radio Universidad AutÛnoma del Estado de San Luis PotosÌ, est· en miras de reactivar su seÒal por Onda Corta, en los 6045 kHz, ya que desde el verano pasado dejÛ de operar, cesando sus transmisiones, debido a que el equipo transmisor no contaba con las protecciones necesarias en el momento de una sobrecarga en las lÌneas que le proporcionan energÌa elÈctrica, seg˙n comentÛ el Ing. Francisco Moreno, encargado del ·rea tÈcnica de la Radio, a quien tuve la oportunidad de conocer junto con las instalaciones de la emisora, que se encuentra en pleno centro histÛrico de la capital de nuestro Estado de San Luis PotosÌ, en los edificios propios de la Universidad.

El Ing. Moreno siguiÛ explicando que debido a problemas financieros, a˙n no ha sido posible adquirir los repuestos necesarios que requiere el equipo, pero est· planeado pronto, probablemente en uno o dos meses, reactivar la seÒal, tan pronto tengan los componentes.

El edificio donde se encuentra las instalaciones, est· accesible a al audiencia, y como un atractivo cuenta con el pasillo de acceso con una muestra de la historia de la propia emisora, contando y exhibiendo desde receptores antiguos, placas conmemorativas, aparatos y accesorios de audio y video del ayer, vale la pena visitarles.

AquÌ una muestra de lo que podemos encontrar en Radio Universidad XEXQ.- [lots of photos:]
http://entre-ondas.blogspot.com/2011/01/visita-la-xexq-onda-corta-radio.html
(via WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DXLD)

Has been off 6045 since last summer; waiting for funding to geg

replacement parts, hopes to be back on soon in a couple months (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DXLD)

** MEXICO. 6184.988, Radio Educacion, 0720, good with eclectic mix of traditional Latin music, Mexican ballads and classical selections. ID by man at 0730. All alone on freq. Jan 7 (David Sharp, NSW: NRD-535D, FT-950, Sony 7600GR, Drake R8, Timewave 599zx and others, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. Es opening underway at tune-in 1747 UT Jan 16, pileup on channel 2, generally peaking SSW. 1800 net-5 bug UR on channel 3 during war movie, and continuing to dominate that channel, quite good by 1810, probably XHBQ Zacatecas. 1817 on 3, Televisa QuerÈtaro animated ID, i.e. XEZ-TV, Zamorano. I have received that station countless times since my earliest TV DXing in OK a semicentury ago, but not with such a particular ID rather than just an XEW relay.

Signs of activity on 4 and 5 too. At 1836, f˙tbol on 2 with net-2 lazy-star bug in upper right. Nothing more afterwards. DX Sherlock map at 1813 showed center of activity over W/C Texas. First report on the TV-FM Skip Log of Es reaching ch 2 was at 1552, and thence some pokes into FM elsewhere (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MONACO [non]. 17260, 1154 17 Dec, R. Monaco, music, French and English sked, ID, IS news in French, SINPO 35523 (Arthur Miller, Llandrindod Wells, UK, JRC NRD -545, 40m longwire, G5RV, Jan World DX Club Contact via DXLD) utility relay, on USB, right? (gh)

** MONGOLIA [non]. MONGOLIA/GERMANY, 6005 - also on shortwave? Radio aus dem Land von Dschinghis Khan in Deutsch auf Kurzwelle. Deutsches Radio Ulaanbaatar sendet im Januar und Februar ueber Kall-Krekel.

Das erste deutschsprachige Radio in der Mongolei, Deutsches Radio Ulaanbaatar, wurde im Maerz 2008 von der Galsan Tschinag Stiftung gemeinsam mit dem Goethe-Institut eroeffnet. Bisher sendete man 3x pro Woche auf der lokalen UKW Frequenz 98.9 MHz fuer je eine Stunde. Seit November sind die Sendungen auch ueber die Internetplattform http://www.radio700.info abrufbar.

Jetzt hat sich das Deutsche Radio Ulaanbaatar dazu entschlossen, waehrend eines Monats die Sendungen ueber die Kurzwellenanlage von "RADIO 700" in Kall-Krekel probeweise auszustrahlen, um so ueber einen weiteren Verbreitungswege Hoerer ueber Land und Leute zu informieren.

"Unser Deutsches Radio UB moechte dazu beitragen, die deutsche Kultur und Sprache in der Mongolei weiter zu pflegen und allen deutsch Sprechenden bzw. Deutsch Lernenden als ein Hoerfunkmedium zu dienen. Wir wollen in unseren Radiosendungen einerseits ein frisches und

lebendiges Deutschlandbild vermitteln, andererseits sollen Interviews mit in der Mongolei lebenden Deutschen und in Deutschland lebenden Mongolen den kulturellen Austausch und das gegenseitige Verstaendnis foerdern und vertiefen helfen. Dies entspricht auch dem Ziel der Galsan Tschinag Stiftung", so die Redaktion.

Nach den Statistiken leben heute in der Hauptstadt der Mongolei ca. 35.000 Mongolen, die Deutsch sprechen und verstehen. Schon in den 20-er Jahren des vorigen Jahrhunderts gingen die ersten Mongolen nach Deutschland zur Ausbildung, darunter der Begruender der modernen mongolischen Literatur D. Nazagdorj und der zweifache Traeger des Staatspreises der Mongolei D. Namdag. Diese jungen Leute bereiteten damals den Boden zur Aufnahme des deutschen Kultursamens in der Mongolei vor.

Vor der Wende wurden die Beziehungen zwischen der DDR und der MVR mannigfaltig gepflegt und viele junge Mongolen wurden nach Deutschland zum Studium geschickt. Der mongolisch-deutsche Schriftsteller Galsan Tschinag, der in den 60-er Jahren in Leipzig studiert hat und 2002 fuer sein literarisches Werk als erster Mongole mit dem Bundesverdienstkreuz ausgezeichnet wurde, ist ein leuchtendes Beispiel dafuer. "Auch den deutschsprachigen Organisationen in der Mongolei sowie denen in deutschsprachigem Europa bietet unser Radio eine Plattform, ihre Leistungen, Projekte und Plaene oeffentlich darzulegen.", heisst die Redaktion weiter.

Christian Milling von RADIO 700 zeigt sich begeistert von der neuen Sendung auf Kurzwelle: "Ich freue mich sehr ueber die Kooperation mit dem Deutschen Radio Ulaanbaatar. Die Kurzwelle ist nach wie vor ein wichtiges Verbreitungsmedium gerade fuer die laendliche, nicht mit Breitbandinternet erschlossene Agglomeration. Mit den Sendungen in deutscher Sprache erfahren Hoerer in Deutschland endlich mehr ueber das zentralasiatische Land, welches in unseren Breiten primaer in den Schlagern der 70er und 80er Jahre von Ralph Siegel besungen wurde. Ich bin ueberzeugt, dass die Post demnaechst einige Briefe mehr mit Feedback zu den interessanten Sendungen in die Mongolei zu transportieren hat".

Vom 24. Januar bis zum 20. Februar sind die Sendungen ueber Kurzwelle zu empfangen. [UHR??? gh]

Eine staendig aktualisierte Uebersicht ueber die aus Kall ausgesendeten Kurzwellenprogramme gibt es im Internet unter http://www.shortwaveservice.com
Die Redaktion von D.R.UB freut sich ueber Ihre Hoererpost

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(A-DX January 14, 2011 via BC-DX Jan 16 via DXLD)

** MOROCCO. Sometimes it takes several minutes for RTM to change frequency from 15341 to 15345, and not always at 1500, but Jan 19 it takes them only one minute from 15341 off at 1500* to 15345 carrier with hum on at *1501, escaping het from HCJB staying on 15340; see AUSTRALIA (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MYANMAR [and non]. 5986-, Jan 19 at 1307 considerable het with something on 5985, and some audio but hard to tell from which. HFCC shows Vatican via Irkutsk. But nothing to het off-frequency Burma at 1315-1400 till Russia may come on at 1400 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. 6040, ITALY, Radio Nederlands. Santa Maria di Galeria. 2101-2105 January 16, 2011. In Dutch with a news magazine. Very good, listed as via this site per their Fall-Winter schedule at http://www.rnw.nl/english/article/rnw-frequency-schedule-winter-20102011

(The 2010 WRTVH listed as via Tbilisskaya, Krasnodarskiy Kray; who knows what the 2011 edition lists, since the WRTVH demonstrates no interest in distributing their product in a timely manner to North America.) (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) smg (gh)

** NEW ZEALAND. 7260, 2018, RNZI fair with Dateline Pacific program in English, 5/12 (Des Davey, Te Kuiti, New Zealand, Eton E5, FRG 100, 50m long wire, 50m ìL`` Jan NZ DX Times via DXLD)

????? not scheduled on this frequency at any time, but at this hour on 11725 in AM. 7260? That`s Vanuatu`s frequency, maybe relaying RNZI?

Also, it may seem a minor point, but I am baffled why so many DX logs put the date nowhere near the time. Makes no sense to me (gh, DXLD)

** NIGERIA. 7275, 0627, Radio Nigeria Abuja in the clear from this time 5/12 with ìRadio Nigeria, a Nation of People, Uniting the Nationî then details of Christmas Concert at the National Christian Centre. Drumbeats 0630 then ident repeated. Fair at best, fading to weak by 0700 (Bryan Clark at Mangawhai, New Zealand, with AOR7030+ and Alpha Delta Sloper, EWEs to NE, E and SE, plus various 100 metre BOGs to the Americas, Jan NZ DX Times via DXLD) 0627 is when Tunisia quits 7275

(gh, DXLD)

7275, R. Nigeria, Abuja. January 13, 0620-0630 male and female in English talks, outside talks, news program ìprogress of Nigeria; youíre listening R. Nigeria; listening to the peopleî. 35333 (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil, SW40 - Dipoles and Longwire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA. 7255, VON, Jan 15 at 2257 just as I tune in, huge signal but horribly distorted national anthem, cut modulation before it finished, and cut carrier a few sex later, as they couldn`t stand it either at the transmitter site. Was conclusion of Hausa broadcast normally here, altho once we caught it on 9690 instead. Once off, uncovered tune-up tones on 7250 before NAm service from RUSSIA, q.v. (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Re 11-02: "15120, VON, Jan 12 at 1512, announcer says this is ``15 Minutes`". (gh) - No, it's "60 minutes": now M-F 1500 & 1900, ex 1700 & 2000 (Thorsten Hallmann, M¸nster, Germany, http://africalist.de.ms Jan 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hello all, doing some little Sunday morning radio listening. Hearing Radio Nigeria in English with good audio on 15120 on January 16th 2011 at 1500 UT, There was ID and news, fair signal in Montreal, SIO 333 (Gilles Letourneau, Montreal, Canada, Kenwood R-5000, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NIGERIA [non]. 17485, Jan 19 at 1425, Hamada Radio International is still in business, Hausa talk and music, poor via RMI via Wertachtal, GERMANY on M/W/F only at 1400-1430, tho missing from HFCC (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6874.8 --- Hello all from a cold and snowy Montreal afternoon :-) Listening right now 2033 UT ID of pirate KBLK Shortwave followed by Prince song "Controversy". Fair to good in Montreal, SIO 433 on January 15th 2011.

Changing to WHYP pirate shortwave on 6874.7 AM mode started at 2100 UT; did not notice any transmitter cut off. Seems like it's same transmitter that was used on previous KBLK pirate. Signal has improved here SIO 444 at 2104 UT on January 15th 2011 (Gilles Letourneau, Montreal, Canada, Kenwood R-5000 - 40 feet outdoor wire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. What could be more apropos for Martin Luther King`s unbirthday? 6925-SSB, Jan 17 at 1347, ``I have a dream`` speech with frequent applause. Rather imperative tone, but not to be mistaken for a contemporary gospel huxter. Only fair signal but pumping, leading to

dilemma of whether to attenuate or not. 1352 Radio Ga-Ga ID, and into opening of CBS Evening News with Walter Cronkite, and far-flung correspondents, leading with `MLK shot to death``.

What would MLK`s estate say about unauthorized use of his speech? Well, excerpts at least are all over the legal media today too.

BTW, another ``pirate radio``, really a legal -LP in Colorado near Laporte, is in the news for running anti-MLK editorials: http://www.brian-blackwell.com/2011/01/whack-job-kels-fm-owners-concealed.html (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NORTH AMERICA. 6930, 0730, USA, PIRATE, ëFamily Radio Shortwaveí with clever spoof program which initially sounded just like WYFR, fair 29/12. Short ëDr James Dobsoní feature then Truckers Show (Bryan Clark at Mangawhai, New Zealand, with AOR7030+ and Alpha Delta Sloper, EWEs to NE, E and SE, plus various 100 metre BOGs to the Americas, Jan NZ DX Times via DXLD)

** OKLAHOMA [and non]. OKC`s only holdout running IBOC noise, WWLS-640, COL Moore, ex-Norman, sometimes turns it off unpredictably, such as Jan 17 at 2005 UT with remote from a car dealer, but still off at 2020 during sports talk, so avoiding asynchronism during live ballgame is not the reason.

This audiblized very weak something on 650, probably KGAB WY, and on 630, probably KHOW CO, but the latter still has IBOC upon it from KMKI 620 Plano TX. The next Metroplex station up the dial, 660 KSKY, is also bothered by WWLS IBOC when on, and now without it, I can detect KCRO Omaha underneath; all groundwave, on caradio.

640, WWLS Moore, IBOC is still/again off, at 1345 UT check Jan 18. I still don`t dare to hope they have nixed it permanently, tho it did happen more than a year ago with another CC station at 50 Penn Place, OKC, KTOK 1000. Right: at 1650, IBOC is back on 640 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. 1530, Jan 18 at 1350 UT, Spanish with report from Mari S·nchez about fˆtbol in Tampico, Poza Rica, so is it KGBT or an XE? No, it`s E/W so likely the Tulsa market, serving to block local daytime reception there of KOKC 1520. At 1352, plug calcomanÌa de QuÈ Buena 15-30; adstring mostly by super-hyper voice actor who must be making a mint, heard all over US and Mexico, including:

1353 La Maquinaria NorteÒa appearing in concert Jan 21; 1356 Cambio de Cheques El Paisano. 1359 inserts ID as ``KXTD, Tulsa``, KXTD pronounced in English, Tulsa in Spanish. Trouble is, city of license is Wagoner, not heard mentioned. Dominant but with slow SAH of about 1

Hz from algo. Googling confirms they spell it Que, rather than Ke, so qudos for qeeping good Spanish alive. It should really be QuÈ, imperatively. However, it`s exhausting to listen to this guy; give it a rest. He starts the next word before the previous drawn-out one fully decays, obviously edited to overlap (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. Signal Expansion Update --- KGOU is On the Air in Woodward! Thousands of radio listeners in Woodward and surrounding counties in northwest Oklahoma can now hear KGOU! KWOU, at 88.1 FM in the northwest corner of the state is now on the air for signal testing, and we anticipate getting the final approval from the FCC soon. KWOU simulcasts the same programming heard on KGOU and our network of repeater and translator stations.

Our remaining signal expansion project, a 2000-watt repeater for Ada, is nearly complete as well. We are working to put KOUA, 91.9 FM, on the air before spring. We thank those of you who have contributed financially to these projects and those who have recruited new listeners in those areas! (KGOU E-Newsletter January 13 via DXLD)

I hastened to try for this in Enid, then sent this report to KGOU:

``Congratulations on KWOU hitting the air. My preliminary report from Enid:

Can`t really get it on radios in the house. Some reception on car radio except near downtown Enid where overload comes from Broadway Tower transmitters. At first I was thinking 88.3 Family Radio translator was there, but FCC shows it west of Enid inside an Enid-Lahoma-Carrier triangle.

I haven`t yet tried out to the west side of Enid, but I suppose adjacent from that will become increasingly problematical. We can only hope that Family Radio will self-destruct on May 21.

In between, it`s in and out as we move around, picket-fencing, some good hotspots, but also competition from Oasis on 88.1, mainly Moore I suppose, but Coweta is sometimes echoing on it.

I was listening before and after 4 pm today, when NPR was heard part of the time, otherwise open carrier. At 6 pm I did catch a KGOU ID.

I expect with a good outside direxional antenna aimed toward Woodward I might get a fairly reliable signal, altho I see its 60 dBu contour goes only to Waynoka.

Now, how about a KGOU translator IN Enid? Regards, Glenn Hauser``

Further monitoring on various FM radios at home, DX-398 in the yard. Some signal if the selectivity is good enough and antenna positioned just right; frequent flyovers by Vance training jets boost signal in brief spurts, tnx to airplane scatter, but this is hardly satisfactory. Of course, occasional tropo enhancement will help if it favors Woodward area rather than Moore or Coweta (and there is a third Oasis relay on 88.1 near Fort Smith). (Glenn Hauser, Enid, Jan 14, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Further chex of the new KWOU *88.1 Woodward, relaying KGOU *105.7 Norman, public radio from OU: afternoon of Jan 14 we drive due north about 10 miles from Enid to release another trapped squirrel banned from our pecan trees. Altho it`s no closer to WW, reception is generally better out there.

Then we go to the west side of Enid, but there it`s losing out to KMSI 88.l Moore, which doesn`t make much sense; suspect KWOU was off the air intermittently as still in testing stage, but when on it`s with NPR programming, after 21 UT not with ATC like KOSU *91.7, but BBC Newshour.

KGOU/KWOU also carry both hours of NPR`s TOTN including TOTN SF, at 19-21, unlike KOSU which only runs the first hour. KGOU has only one redundant hour of the 2-hour weekday ATC, 22-01 UT, while KOSU runs all of it twice at 21-01; what a waste.

{KGOU is really on 106.3 at OU; 105.7 is another relay, KROU, COL Spencer, i.e. NE OKC; neither reaches Enid, but 105.7 does better to the north and we start to get it on caradio beyond Hennessey ñ gh}

88.1, KWOU Woodward, at 2205 UT Jan 15, generally audible on caradio west side of Enid; but still seems to be on air only intermittently in testing phase. BTW, the home frequency of KGOU at OU in Norman is 106.3; not 105.7 as I said, which is another relay, KROU on the NE side of OKC, neither of which reaches Enid (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. ALTUS RADIO PERSONALITY OKLAHOMA'S POET LAUREATE
Jan 14, 5:16 AM EST

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) -- The state of Oklahoma has a new poet laureate. The Oklahoma Humanities Council says before leaving office, former Gov. Brad Henry appointed author, poet, and radio broadcaster Eddie D. Wilcoxen as Poet Laureate for the State of Oklahoma for 2011 through 2012.

Wilcoxen is a career radio broadcaster with a popular morning show on

KWHW [1450] in Altus. He has written seven volumes of poetry and one non-fiction work. His "Faith, Hope and Poetry," is scheduled to be released next month.

Wilcoxen also is recognized for landscape design, and his home gardens were featured in Oklahoma Gardener magazine. Humanities Council Executive Director Ann Thompson says the Oklahoma Legislature designated the honorary position to engage citizens with poetry, a tradition that was established decades ago (via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

Can`t find anything about him at http://www.kwhw.com/
and the weekday program schedule is quite vague, but there is a listen-live link. KWHW doesn`t make it to Enid; there are two somewhat closer 1450 stations neither of which is well-heard either. The website can be converted to Mexican Spanish including the news items, but programming segments axually in Spanish are unclear except for several gospel-huxters on Sundays? No, the axual program URLs appear to be in English without checking them directly (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

** OKLAHOMA. Altho frigid, some early-morning fog enhanced tropo from OKC, greatly improving remaining analog TV signals from OKC, UnivisiÛn on 36, 48, Jan 15 at 1505 UT, so I also check the others: 19 is still on, at 1559 with ``Cornerstone Television, Raising High His Signal`` animated ID, ha, from low-power KUOT-CA but is it 23 or 150 kW as in W9WI.com, which also shows it as GCN as we have previously seen there; is that a change or is one part of the other? 21, apparently only black screen, not quite attaining horizontal lock: KTOU-LP with 41 kW supposed to be HSN.

This was one of those tropo enhancements which helps some stations, attenuates others, as this signal must be getting ``tropped out`` toward us: 46 Daystar, KOCM, Norman, normally marginally visible DTV, signal now too `bad` to decode. The tropo burned off by 1630, but 46 still not making it at 1730, hardly any loss.

Not much from elsewhere in OK, except at 1532 onwards during animated kidvid, Muskogee`s KQCW-20, ``19`` with no sub-channels, was running crawler that if agreement is not reached with Dish Network by Jan 16, viewers will no longer be able to see it there, but still by all other platforms.

Several other OK stations have run such warnings the last few weeks, notably KOCO-7, ABC, which finally reached a last-minute agreement. Is this going on all over the country?

ThisTV is finally coming to the OKC market. KOCO-7 seen Jan 18 promoting on its 5.2 channel currently occupied by almost continuous Accuweather and local inserts, that ThisTV (a `free` movie channel)

would start on January 24. So will wx be moved to an activated 5.3, or vanish? We are still waiting for another virtual entrepreneur, AntennaTV to appear on KFOR-27, 4.2 or 4.3 later in Jan; to join TheCoolTV already on 34.2 via KOCB-33, and CMN on 25.2 via KOKH-24 (Glenn Hauser, Enid, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. OKLAHOMA CITY TV STATION KSBI BANKS HEAVILY ON LOCAL PROGRAMMING --- New KSBI station President Vince Orza plans to introduce one or two new shows a month for the next several months. BY MEL BRACHT Oklahoman Published: January 14, 2011 http://www.newsok.com/article/3531722

Vince Orza, the former dean of the Oklahoma City University business school, has developed a simple business plan for KSBI-52 since taking over station management in November ó lots of local programming.

Kealey McIntire will host "All About You," debuting at 10 a.m. Monday. KSBI photo [caption]

ìWe're actually going to be introducing shows at the rate of one or two a month for the next several months,î said Orza, the station's president and chief executive officer.

As an independent station, KSBI isn't handicapped by network restrictions that limit local programming.

ìShows that Oklahomans love that really serve the local community have disappeared from Oklahoma City television,î Orza said. ìWe really think the opportunity for us is to really be a television station for and about Oklahoma and Oklahomans.î

Among the new entries will be hour weekday shows ìAll About You,î which will debut at 10 a.m. Monday, and ìOklahoma Live,î which will debut at noon Feb. 7.

Hosted by Kealey McIntire, ìAll About Youî will be dedicated to healthy lifestyles. McIntire, an admitted fitness addict, will provide information on health, emotional and financial fitness, nutrition, trends in medicine and advice on how to exercise properly.

ìOklahoma Live,î hosted by noted humorist Lyn Hester, will introduce viewers to interesting places to go and unforgettable Oklahomans. Among the topics will be gardening, cooking, pets, crafts, visiting artists and performances by talented musicians.

Orza said the station, which airs on Cox Communication channels 7 and 707, has several other shows on the drawing board, including live music shows featuring Oklahoma talent, a weekly broadcast of the Rodeo

Opry, a weekend show about dogs, an Oklahoma doctor's program and an updated version of Hollywood expert Dino Lalli's ìHollywood Spotlight.î

ìWe want people to tell us if they know of any bright talented people who can perform,î Orza said. ìWe are putting a grand piano in our studio. I'd love to have some local people be co-host of the show and maybe sing or perform, as well.î

Sports programming includes the 30-minute magazine show ìOklahoma Sports Wrapî at 7 p.m. Mondays, a six-game schedule of Big 12 basketball games and high school football, which former KSBI President Brady Brus had emphasized.

KSBI also includes a large slate of syndicated programs including ìMagnum P.I.,î ìEmergency,î ìKojak,î ìThe King of Queens,î ìThe Virginian,î ìWagon Train,î ìSaved by the Bellî and ìMatlock.î

Read more:
http://newsok.com/oklahoma-city-tv-station-ksbi-banks-heavily-on-local-programming/article/3531722#ixzz1B409wWD4
(via DXLD)

** PAKISTAN. RADIO PAKISTAN ANNOUNCES MAJOR DIGITIZATION PROJECT, NEW TRANSMITTERS

Radio Pakistan is going to digitize 2.5 million minutes of radio recordings which include the last speech of Liaquat Ali Khan, Congress leader Subhash Chandra Bose, Adolf Hitler besides many historical personalities and events.

ìThe Rs.130 million project would convert the recordings available on analogue to the computers and hence cyberspace from where the audio data could be streamed for listening or bought as well,î Director General, Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation (PBC), Murtaza Solangi informed at a press conference at Radio Pakistan Hyderabad.

Mr Solangi asserted that every attempt was being made to make Radio Pakistan a truly national organization through which the listeners were not only provided quality entertainment and news but also a platform which airs their complaints and grievances as well. He underlined that moving ahead from the past exercises of obtaining comments and recommendations of the listeners through postcards and letters, a live calls culture was introduced where a caller was not hindered from airing his views even if they were found critical of the government.

At press conference Mr Solangi announced the installation of 100 kW

transmitters [presumably mediumwave] at radio stations in Hyderabad, Multan and Larkana after which the transmission would be heard at over 300 miles range in the daytime, while at night 600 miles area in proximity of the respective stations would be covered.

ìAfter the installation, transmissions from Radio Pakistan Hyderabad would be heard by even the people of Gujarat state of India, and from the Larkana station the signal would reach the Indian border state of Rajhastan,î he added. He said that a 500 kW transmitter would be installed in Islamabad with the financial assistance of USAID and Japan.

The DG said the number of radio stations in the country had increased to 34 from the earlier 14 while every attempt was being made to introduce modern equipment (Source: thenews.com.pk)(January 16th, 2011 - 19:54 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DXLD)

** PAKISTAN [non]. US-FUNDED RADIO MASHAAL MARKS FIRST YEAR OF BROADCASTS TO AFPAK REGION | Text of report by Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL) website on 12 January

This week, RFE's Radio Mashaal marks the first anniversary of the launch of its Pashto-language broadcasts in Pakistan's Pashtun heartland.

"Our listeners are desperate for reliable news," says Radio Mashaal Director Amanullah Ghilzai. "Last month, the Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ) called Pakistan 'the world's deadliest place for journalists.' And Reporters Without Borders calls the Swat Valley, 'the valley of fear.'"

On a recent broadcast of one of the stations' most popular call-in shows, "War Stories," a widow from the Swat Valley recounted the story of a 14-hour Taliban attack on her house that killed her husband and son. Another popular Radio Mashaal program is airing a weekly series profiling Pashtun tribal elders who have been killed by the Taliban. The targeting of elders, who form the backbone of Pashtun society in places with little or no government presence, is an underreported tactic the Taliban has been employing for nearly a decade.

Away from the fighting, Radio Mashaal's show, "Your Future," is a program for youths offering advice on schools and careers. Ghilzai calls it "a how-to for young people interested in getting job training, applying for Pakistani schools, or studying abroad."

"Most of our listeners in these parts of Pakistan simply do not have access to such basic information," he says. "That's why we also

produce programs dedicated to women's issues and health care."

When the worst flooding in decades devastated large portions of the country last year, Radio Mashaal reported from some of the most inaccessible parts of Pakistan. In the aftermath of the floods, a program called "Hopes" aired 100 special reports on the disaster which provided, among other things, information on where people who lost their homes could turn for help and information about water-born illnesses.

During its first broadcast on 15 January, 2010, Radio Mashaal surprised listeners when renowned Pashtun pop star Haroon Bacha emerged from hiding as the host of a new cultural affairs program. Bacha -- a Pashtun entertainment icon -- was forced to flee the region three years ago when Islamic extremists threatened him and his family.

"Radio Mashaal is galvanizing a population starved for artistic outlets," says Bacha, who says his songs of peace are part of "a liberal Pashtun tradition of tolerance."

Radio Mashaal and VOA's Radio Deewa each broadcast nine hours a day on a shared AM frequency. They produce programs on news, politics, culture, women's issues, and music. Source: Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty website, Washington, D.C., in English 12 Jan 11 (via BBCM via WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DXLD)

RFE/RL's Radio Mashaal marks one year of doing the much the same that VOA's Deewa Radio has been doing for four years. Posted: 17 Jan 2011

VOA's Deewa Radio was created in 2006 to broadcast much the same information to the same region in the same language. It was forced upon US international broadcasting by a rider to a Defense appropriations bill, in a process apparently impervious to the existence of VOA Deewa Radio. So while the BBG did not create Radio Mashaal, the co-existence of it and Deewa Radio helps solidify the BBG as the poster-bureaucracy of budget-and-resource-sapping duplication.

See previous post (19 Sept 2009): "And, so, in one of the most difficult parts of the world to get news out of, and one of the most difficult to transmit news back into, in one of the most difficult language groups from which to recruit journalists, US international broadcasting will be dividing it resources between two stations whose efforts will largely overlap. No wonder the United States is being 'out communicated.'" See previous post on 16 Jan 2010. I also wrote about USIB duplication here and here (see http://kimelli.nfshost.com/index.php?id=10492 --- Kim Andrew Elliott, kimandrewelliott.com via WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DXLD)

** PAPUA NEW GUINEA. 3290, R. Central, Boroko, 0953-1005 Oct 29 in English, heavily accented OM with impassioned talk, short bit of slow music (possibly religious), changed to deep-voiced OM at ToH in possible vernacular with possible ID, in the clear with sigs to 15 dB but too weak for my ears (Richard W. Parker, Pennsburg PA, Miltronix / Signal Corps R-390A, Sherwood SE-3 MK III Deluxe Synchronous Detector, Collins 51S-1 with 55G-1 pre-selector, Yaesu FT-840, MFJ-901B antenna tuner, 25m dipole, Alpha-Delta DX sloper, 160 ft inverted L with Yaesu FC-800 auto-tuner, 75m balanced doublet, Jan World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

3365, Radio Milne Bay, Voice of Kula, Alotau, as listed in WRTH 2011, not that I have ever heard such a full ID, Jan 14 at 1359 with choral music; 1401 sign-off in English mentioning 90.3 (? WRTH says 90.7) FM, and something on ``90 meters``, ``until tomorrow morning``, 1402 brief NA until 1403, carrier still on at 1405 tune-out. Was S9+15. Then just as I tuned past 3275, another carrier went off.

Watch out for Cuba to activate 3365 as Arnie Coro threatens; let`s hope it`s only in the local evenings when it will not bother PNG (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

3385, NBC East New Britain, 1219-1225*, Jan 14. In Tok Pisin and playing pop songs; suddenly off in mid-song; as Glenn has commented on in the past, this must be on a timer.

5960, Radio Fly (presumed), 1302-1349, Jan 13. Mostly music (pop, soul, island, etc.); 1329 in Tok Pisin; very light QRM from China; recently I have only been able to catch China here, so today was certainly one of their better receptions; unable to hear 3915 nor 4775 (if they are indeed there!) (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) 4775 = AIR Imphal?

Most consistent is Radio Milne Bay [3365] heard every day peaking fair a couple of times; Manus [3315] was readable once; E. New Britain [3385] still buried with utility interference; only unusual logging is a very tentative NBC Western on 3305 khz. I have not noted them in a very long time (Bill Smith, MA, W1OW, Jan 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See AUSTRALIA for his antennas

3385, Jan 19 at 1223, I hear music vs a TADIL-A bonker, two bangs on the anvil, one beat pause, repeated. So I stay tuned to R. East New Britain, Rabaul, for the anticipated abrupt timer-controlled cutoff the air which does occur mid-music at 1225:20* exposing the bonker in the clear. Some other PNG carriers remained, with bits of audio, such as 3365, 3275 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. 4746.96, Huanta 2000, 1045, fair with mensajes by a man, then

ads (or similar) at 1047, followed by more talk. Weak. Jan 6.

4774.98, Radio Tarma, 1052, presumed, fair with ballads, talk by a man and mention of "Peru", but no ID. Jan 6 (David Sharp, NSW: NRD-535D, FT-950, Sony 7600GR, Drake R8, Timewave 599zx and others, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4940, R San Antonio, Villa Atalya, Uyacali, 2225-2350, Jan 03, 04 and 05, lots of music, time checks and Spanish ann repeating messages of the Universidad CatÛlica, weak signal, but the signal was weak to moderate on Jan 05 around 2250, 25222. At 2350 carrier of AIR Guwahati signed on with a tone (Max van Arnhem, Hoenderloo, The Netherlands, and Anker Petersen, Denmark, DSWCI DX Window Jan 12 via DXLD)

4940.016, Radio San Antonio, TENTATIVE, 1125-1135 Jan 18. There's two stations on this frequency, one at 4940.016 and one at 4939.984 kHz. Believe that the one on 4940.016 is audible with a male in a language that might be Spanish? So saying that it's R. San Antonio. The second station on 4939.984 could be India. Either way, they're probably both here?

6019.250, Radio Victoria, 1158-1205 Jan 18. Recheck just to see if still readable and noted our friend David M. doing his thing with religious talk. Signal was at a fair level with not immediate sign of fading away (Chuck Bolland, Clewiston FL, WR-G31DDC, 26N 081W, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PHILIPPINES. 9570, nothing but a JBA carrier, Jan 17 at 1517, so has R. Blagovest via Radio Veritas Asia now been canceled?

Indonesia had been good as usual on 9525- before 1500, but now at 1517 I am not getting FEBC Manila in Chinese either on 9430. Maybe Phil-prop is just very bad today?

Also still missing: VOA 9760 via Tinang, which used to be good after 1500 with English Learning. No sign of it at 1513 Jan 17, altho supposedly scheduled 15-16 daily at 21 degrees USward (also at 13-14 Sat/Sun at 283 degrees --- not heard this weekend either).

9570, seems R. Blagovest via RVA is really gone: Jan 18 at 1458 there is a carrier, but nothing develops when it used to come in well from 1500. Still nothing at 1515, 1528 chex.

How is propagation from Philippines today? 9760, Jan 18 at 1501 good open carrier, surely VOA Tinang, but off at 1503*, on for a few sex only at 1504.5, never any modulation; apparently gave up trying to keep the transmitter on. Still nothing at 1528. See also INDONESIA (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Never mind what I say on WORLD OF RADIO 1548 about R. Blagovest being gone from R. Veritas Asia. Altho it was absent Jan 17 and 18, it`s back with good signal Jan 19! 1503 tune-in, Russian talk, about Yerushalim, Paul, etc., bothered by DentroCuban Jamming Command on 9565, despite its use by R. MartÌ only between 20 and 24 UT (half Sackville, half Greenville)!

RB keeps talking, presumably sermonizing at further chex, 1520 had switched to YL, 1534 finally some sacred classical music where they usually put it to break up the gab; 1543.6 bells and ID ``Vy slushayetye Radio Blagovest``, more talk by OM until 1553 music with bells, 1554 ID, 1555 RVA 14-note IS and off by 1556* (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also USA: VOA

** PORTUGAL. 1035 | R. Clube, Belmonte, JAN 8 2300 - female version of B.J. Thomas 1969 hit "Raindrops Keep Falling on My Head"; fair over WBZ slop. + JAN 8 2300 - "San Francisco" by Scott McKenzie from 1967, Star FM mention by man, Portuguese talk by woman, Star FM jingle, "Harvest Moon" by Neil Young; fair to good (Chatham Marconi Maritime Center (WCC) DXpedition logs, from Mark Connelly, WA1ION - Times / dates = UTC / 2011, Chatham, Cape Cod, MA, USA (GC = 41.7038 N / 69.9808 W) (= 41? 42.23' N / 69? 58.85' W)
Chatham Marconi Maritime Center (WCC) website <http://www.chathammarconi.org> Receiver: Microtelecom Perseus; Antenna: Kaz Delta, 12 m base to apex, 36 m base width, dual-feedline, set up to null northwest, NRC IDXD via DXLD)

** PORTUGAL [and non]. 12040, RDPI Jan 16 at 2035-2130+ with hyper-enthusiastic sillyballgame live coverage, challenging my comprehension of Portuguese, and in fact a nice soporific accompaniment to my nap, compensating for too much late and early DXing.

No RHC audible at first, but may have been totally blocked; at 2133, I could tell RHC was under there making a SAH, and still at 2241, but RDPI off by 2250 uncovering RHC; see CUBA. Earlier on Sundays only, Cuba`s 12040 transmitter is moved to one of the El Hugazo frequencies instead, but Portugal still needs to evade this collision, altho there is a weaker but clear // 11960 at 2133.

15560, Jan 19 at 1603, RDPI (not as I sometimes typo it RFPI!), VG signal with sports clips, scores in hyper-Portuguese, 1604 ``gooooooooooooooooooooaaallllllll`` enhanced by video-game `firing` SFX; nothing on 15690, often poor here, which is 14-16 M-F to ME. And 15560 is not normally on the air weekdays to NAm, but activated now for this ``extraordinary emission`` (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. STATE TO FINANCE UPDATE OF MOSCOW TV AND RADIO TOWERS
Voice of Russia January 13, 2011
http://english.ruvr.ru/2011/01/13/39505943.html

The Russian Government has decided to allocate about 1.3 billion rubles for reconstruction of the ìOstankino Television Towerî complex. The work will take place between 2011 and 2013. Throughout this period, a total modernization of not only Ostankino, but also the Shukhov radio tower in Moscow is planned.

The reconstruction will run into over 4 billion rubles. The Federal Agency for Press and Mass Communications has been assigned to manage the state financing of the project, while the developer will be the Russian Television and Radio Broadcasting Network (via Mike Terry, UK, Jan 15, dxldyg via DXLD)

** RUSSIA. 6075, Jan 18 at 1359, nothing but motorboating audible from R. Rossii, 1400 six-pip TS, mb carrier on until 1401:30* and still no sign of 8GAL on 6074. Last few winters that was still being heard in January. Wolfgang B¸schel reminds us that the transmitter site irresponsible for this 6075 mess is Yelizovo, pertaining to Petropavlovsk/Kamchatskiy. It also makes a rumble under DW 6075 here from 0600 or earlier (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. 7250, VOR WS in English to NAm, Jan 15 at 2258 tune-up tones, 2300 sign-on still voiced by the late Carl Watts. Lately I listened to the Moscow Mailbag tribute to him last week. The YL announcer has quite a heavy accent; co-host is now Max Gorbachev. Any relation? {or is it a clever pseudonym?} (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA [non]. RUSSIA (non): After hearing your show, tuned at 0501 UT-Jan 14 to see how the new Voice of Russia program via WNSW in Newark on 1430 was coming through in southern NJ; could hear it over other stations at times with a nice signal and later it loses strength, so I take it as a hit-or-miss from my location. Using my old trusty Sony 2010 where best results are with the sync detector on upper side, often using SSB at USB itself (Joe Hanlon, NJ, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA. QSL ====== Has received ppc [prepared postcard] from Rostov Volmet. Frequency 8939 kHz. Transmitter "Birch". Capacity of 1 kW. Aerial SVGD. Last time wrote to them about five years ago but then have not answered. The address took from "Square". Near at hand it now is not present. On an envelope it is specified RAMTs [transliterated] Rostov-on-Don, 344009.

In one day has sent the official report and to Irkutsk, but probably

any more will not answer. The first acknowledgement from such our station! (Vladimir Rozhkov / ìopen_dxî via RusDX 16 Jan via DXLD)

** SAAR. Video Footage of Heusweiler Transmittersite. Hello Friends, I found some nice video footage of the Heusweiler MW transmittersite in Germany. The transmitter is used by Saarlandische Rundfunk on 1422 kHz. You can download the film here :
http://www.mediafire.com/?bq7sp2s6uaezsod
Have fun! (Jan Oosterveen, Netherlands, Jan 16, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

** SARAWAK. 5030, Sarawak FM, 1236, Jan 14. In vernacular with phone calls; // 9835. The new transmitter has finally been fixed; heard with a nice clear audio and stronger than 5030 (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also MALAYSIA

[and non]. 5030, R. Malaysia Sarawak, Jan 19 by 1409 with some music, signal poor but starting to exceed fading Cuba 5025. I have not had much luck with the new peninsular transmitter on 9835, but check it for // as Ron Howard has been reporting from California. It was not making it in previous hour, but at 1411 some vocal music seems // 5030 and now stronger than it. Difficult to // during music and am not positive; would be surprised if they are synchronized.

More on 9835: at 1423 after all-romantic music spate, YL announcement with faster-tempo music in background; now I have to attenuate overload from 9980 WWCR built up to full-day strength. 1427 back to romx, 1438 Celine Dion or clone; 1441 YL seems to mention warta berita, but signal is worsening, and squeezed between 9830 RTTY and 9840v Vietnam/het.

Ron says the channel relayed is Sarawak FM, tho some downunderite claims a variety of other networks show up. Anyhow we have this alternative to Radio Free Sarawak, from the imperialist Malayans occupying the territory (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SARAWAK [non]. 6205, R. Free Sarawak, *1200, Jan 13. In vernacular; song in English (ìLeaving On a Jet Planeî); many ìRadio Free Sarawakî IDs; almost fair. Jan 14 phone conversation in vernacular till sign off announcement and indigenous music; 1300* (Ron Howard, San Francisco at Ocean Beach, CA, EtÛn E1, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6205, TAJIKISTAN (clandestine) Radio Free Sarawak. 1151-1300 January 15, 2011. No carrier 1147 check, but up by 1151 recheck with carrier, opening 1200 with "Love's Theme" by the Love Unlimited Orchestra -- Barry White's orchestral backup band side project -- their biggest

crossover charter -- no interval signal, so is this what others report as the interval signal? Or was it just dropped or clipped off today? Malay man (nice, deep radio voice) with opening ID, mention of http://www.radiofreesarawak.org (English phonetics). Nice Malay instrumental stringed music from 1235, but otherwise all talk save for a few short bumper music segments. A couple of audio and/or transmission breaks (a few seconds only), otherwise good copy. Programming ending just before 1300, carrier off 1300:12.

First noted something unidentified and weak here closer to 1300 a few days ago, but nothing I could find listed that made sense. Thanks Glenn Hauser for confirming what this one is, a relatively new channel move to here it appears. Let's all pray for a free Sarawak. Surely it would be a better world for all, if so (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

6205, R. Free Sarawak, Jan 19 at 1233 M&M conversation in Malay(?), one the deep-voiced studio guy, the other on phone. S9+20 but heavy flutter. I hear some English words, such as `overwhelming majority`` from the phoneguy. 1235 Q: ``What do you think about this?`` and seems like the answer is in English too. 1238 mentions ``economic development``. 1256 not in English, mentioning Islam; 1258 music to 1300:09* after one beep.

Site is assumed to be DushanbÈ, TAJIKISTAN, since this transmission replaced the 2230-2330 one on 7590; and DB is registered for other clients at 1030-1145. It seems a bit odd to be hearing it this well in deep NAm, but sunset in DushanbÈ was 1231 and sunrise here 1341, so a darkness near-grayline path existed. At 1245, WWVH 5000 reported 12 UT K-index as 3 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SAUDI ARABIA. 17785, 0750 5 Dec, R. Riyadh, Arabic music, talk, no English or French, SINPO 45544 (Alan Roe, Teddington UK, Eton Satellit E1, telescopic rod and 10m random wire around room, Jan World DX Club Contact via DXLD) Scheduled for French at 0800, but often turned on before preceding English is over. Back to that since? (gh, DXLD)

17615 // weaker 17895, Jan 14 at 1427, BSKSA with Qur`an-yodeling, then YL(?) talking about Mohammed, Ibrahim (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. Re VATICAN, clash on 17895: Remember September 11, 2001 in a different way than many other people. Tried that evening to get VOA news in English on 15205 kHz, which would have been the best frequency, but BSKSA was running a Quran recitation on top of VOA, which created a spooky feeling in me! Even more so considering what I had heard a few hours earlier, right at the time of the attack that

day, when I was listening to a relay on 15715 kHz in Arabic and English from a US based Religious station, Voice of Forgiveneness, broadcasting to the Middle East and advocating peace and harmony between Christians and Moslems! Right at the time of listening, the attack was carried out on Manhattan!

Well, this hobby is not just twiddling the knobs or pushing the buttons! All the best to you, Glenn (Ullmar Qvick in Sweden, Jan 15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SEYCHELLES [non]. U.K.(non) Frequency change of FEBA Radio in Amharic/Guragena:
1600-1630 NF 9940 ERV 300 kW / 192 deg to EaAf, ex 9900 Amharic Thu-Sun
1600-1630 NF 9940 ERV 300 kW / 192 deg to EaAf, ex 9900 Guragena Mon-Wed
1630-1700 NF 9940 ERV 300 kW / 192 deg to EaAf, ex 9900 Amharic
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Jan 18 via DXLD) ERV = Gavar, ARMENIA

** SIKKIM. 4835.00, *0058-0110, INDIA, 16.01, AIR Gangtok, Sikkim. Nepali ann after AIR IS and "Vande Mataram" hymn, string music and drums 35333 (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

** SLOVAKIA. Slovakia on Shortwave??? ITALY (non) - 6090 IRRS at 1956 on Jan 15th with a weak signal of the tail end of "DX Partyline" and off at 2000. If this is still via Rimavska Sobota (RSO) then we can still log Slovakia on shortwave (Mark Coady, Editor Shortwave Loggings, Shadow Lake Camp Convenor, Ontario DX Association, 829 Fife Bay Marina Lane, Peterborough, ON K9J 6X3, ODXA yg via DXLD)

** SOUTH CAROLINA [non]. 9385, Brother Scare via WWRB, Jan 14 at 1445, as I first tuned across, with an amusing pre-echo caused by overload from almost // WWCR 9980, until I engaged attenuation (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also USA: WWRB

** SPAIN. Re 11-02: ``4675 (transmitter spur?) REE, Noblejas, 2224-, 09 Jan, Castilian to Africa (via 7265), interviews on Afghan film makers; 34343; not parallel to other REE frequencies, just 7265 (Carlos GonÁalves - PORTUGAL, WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Calculation: Another frequency on the air then is 11940, and 11940 minus 7265 = 4675 (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DX LISTENING DIGEST)``

Glenn, If I am not mistaken, your calculation clearly indicates what's termed as "external mixing spur." So, a completely different program

for Africa, via 7265, when the other frequencies air something else albeit in the same language?! 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, Portugal, Jan 14, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

To South America 11940 242 1900-2300 Sa/Su Sab/Dom Sp Esp
To all Sahara / Sahel zone 7265 170 2200-2300 Diaria Sp Esp

It's an intermodulation on 60 mb frequency, which may happen as difference signal
1 - on the antenna matrix in TX house, or
2 - on the very long feeder lines, parallel to the SoAM antenna,
3 - or direct radiation from the 170deg Africa antenna, as back lobe in the various SoAM arrays.

The usual formula shows fundamental and intermodulation frequs of

4675 - carries IM program of 11940 SoAF
7265 - carries fundamental program CeAF
11940 - carries fundamental program SoAF
19205 - carries IM program of 7265 CeAF

Such intermodulation products are very common close to the transmitter center, approx. 3 to 5 kilometers diameter. But only happen further distance, when the feederlines and connection points covered by dust, rain, snow, rust and oxidation. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Dear Wolfgang, Thanks for the mail. As I said, I am aware of ext. mix. spurs that can be the result of sum or difference of signals, but for me at least was the fact that they were airing two different programs when it's typical that "the" program on the air is broadcast to all areas simultaneously. But then, I don't follow REE programs, so don't know for sure. Also, the result of sums/substractions of signals can in turn combine and originate others ghost signals on the dial.

What I also found a bit odd during the time I listened to it, was the length of the non-Castilian segments during the interview. On occasions, it was if we were listening to some English program. 73, (Carlos GonÁalves, ibid.)

** SPAIN [and non]. 5965, REE via CR, Sat Jan 15 at 0635 with promo for ``Sexto Continente`` literary contest entries, short stories, essays or poems? Instead of mailbag show previously in this slot

11780 direct, UT Tue Jan 18 at 0113, REE IS clearly audible, somewhat atop co-channel RNA BrasÌlia! RNA is normally quite strong, but not tonight. This is REE`s weekly Sephardic service to SAm, 0115-0145, colliding in its target area as well as here.

I have yet to see a single report from S America about how this works out; interest appears to be nil. Some Brazilians do complain of poor reception of RNA on 11780, but that`s because they are in the skip zone, too close to BrasÌlia, so perhaps REE can dominate there, but being on a clear frequency such as previously listed/announced 11795 would be preferable, duh (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SRI LANKA. SLBC is noted on 6005 as follows:
0930-1000 Telugu
1000-1100 Malayalam
1100-1215 Tamil
This is in parallel to 7190, 11905 (Jose Jacob, VU2JOS, National Institute of Amateur Radio, Hyderabad, India, http://www.niar.org Jan 15, dx_sasia yg via DXLD)

Most of that is before local sunset. WRTH shows only the two higher frequencies (gh, DXLD)

15745, SLBC, 0250, English, program of old country music and ballads, male DJ greeting listeners in India and Pakistan. Fair, with deep fades. Jan 8 (David Sharp, NSW: NRD-535D, FT-950, Sony 7600GR, Drake R8, Timewave 599zx and others, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also USA [non]; UNIDENTIFIED 15209+

** SUDAN. 7200, Radio Omdurman (Omdurman), 0239-0256, 1/13/2011, Arabic. Long Koran recitation by man. Low audio announcement at 0256, then more from Koran. Poor to moderate signal with occasional ARO interference (Jim Evans, Germantown, TN, G6 and whip antenna, Cumbredx mailing list via DXLD)

** SUDAN [non]. 17745, Jan 19 at 1600, Sudan Radio Service ID names pronounced in English amid other language, colloquial Arabic? Also contact info, srs@edc.org and phone numbers not pronounced in English. Strumming instrument in background, F-G signal. This is daily 15-17, 250 kW, 114 degrees via Sines, PORTUGAL.

17700, weaker Jan 19 at 1602, very similar music in background of non-// announcement from the separate SRS hour for Darfur, per Aoki in Arabic, 16-17 daily except Fridays, 250 kW, 65 degrees from ASCENSION (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SURINAME. 4990, R. Apintie, Paramaribo, 0428-0432 Dec 4 in Dutch with pop oldies, OM announcer with ID at BoH, 30 dB signal, F-G (Richard W. Parker, Pennsburg PA, Miltronix/Signal Corps R-390A, Sherwood SE-3 MK III Deluxe Synchronous Detector, Collins 51S-1 with 55G-1 pre-selector, Yaesu FT-840, MFJ-901B antenna tuner, 25m dipole, Alpha-Delta DX sloper, 160 ft inverted L with Yaesu FC-800 auto-tuner,

75m balanced doublet, Jan World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

4990, R. Apintie, Paramaribo. January 14, 0830-0838 music selections. Brazilian 4985 was off, poor, 25322 (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil, SW40 - Dipoles and Longwire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SWAZILAND. 3200, TWR-Manzini, 1824, sermon by American-accented preacher, simple "T-W-R" ID at 1830. Jan 8 (David Sharp, NSW: NRD-535D, FT-950, Sony 7600GR, Drake R8, Timewave 599zx and others, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) see also INDONESIA

** SWEDEN. 17.2 kHz, SAQ, Grimeton, 0744 24 Dec. Annual Xmas greetings. 0744 tuning up with V`s. A few pauses and carrier bursts before IDs ``V V V DE SAQ SAQ SAQ`` commenced at 0745. CW slowed down a bit at 0750 and power appeared to increase a couple of times at 0755 and 0758. CW message sent 0800 till 0807. Good signal. No QRM form JXN 16.4 kHz, only occasional slight QRM from RDL 18.1 kHz; SIO 454 (Nick Rank, Buxton, Derbyshire, Sony ICF 2001D/ALA 1530 loop; Sony SRF59/fence wire, Jan BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD) So this is regular CW on VLF, not spark-gap from the Alexandersen Alternator? (gh, DXLD)

** SWITZERLAND. Tour of the Sottens Transmittersite --- Hello Friends, In November 2009 the Sottens Transmittersite had an open day. I found a very clear Video of that event. It can be downloaded here :
http://www.mediafire.com/?vz59futonrhruaf
Beware! It's 130 megabytes!!! Have Fun! (Jan Oosterveen, Netherlands, Jan 16, shortwavesites yg via DXLD)

** TAIWAN. CHINA [sic]. 1494, 1500 14 Dec, BEE32, Educational Service, unID site, Chinese OM ID, very weak (John Faulkner, Skegness, Lincs UK, Perseus SDR and northerly flag aerial, recording analysed by Tim Bucknall, Jan BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

Such callsigns, indeed any callsign are used only in the breakaway province Taiwan, and listed there in WRTH 2011 page 361:

4) BEE32, station: Chiao Yu, Taipei, 1494, 10 kW, National Educational Radio, including relays of BBCWS and RFI (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAIWAN. Re 11-02: Radio Taiwan Internet Audio Streaming Quality

Not very surprising. RTI for the past few years has faced a number of problems between the programmers and technical department. A few months ago I was meeting the head of technical to bring to his attention some issues they have with poor transmitter maintenance here in Taiwan. Poor is an understatement.

The problem with RTI these days is the management. The new director of RTI does not come from a radio background, she is from commercial television. First thing she did was to introduce the same contracts those in commercial TV have. When the previous technical staff started to retire, they were replaced. Not with staff who knew what to do, but with anyone who came along.

Since the beginning of 2010 the government has been keeping a close eye on how RTI is operated as a station. I can tell you first hand they are not happy. It is seen as a waste of money by most people in government as well as by the population.

The other problem RTI faces is they won't unlike other broadcasters hire professional broadcasters. The vast majority of the English staff are former English teachers in Taipei. Why do this? Simple. They can offer really low salaries. In 2006 I was offered a position with RTI, when they found out what I was asking for in salary, they almost died. LOL! Then a few weeks later I found they hired a English teachers from the US, who never did radio in his life. Just to show the difference. I was asking for 120,000NT$ (around 4,000USD) a month, the guy who got the job only asked for 30,000NT$ (around 1,200USD). 30,000NT$ a month in Taipei does not go far. LOLOLOL.

I host a daily jazz show in national radio 5 nights a week. When I was re negotiating my contract for 2009 to 2014 the deal was that they now buy the show from me and ICANN produce it in my own studio. Last year I was contacted by RTI to do a similar weekly show on TW culture, but again they were too cheap.

RTI has the funds, but where does the money go? Good question. I've been working on a report with some others that will be submitted to the National Communications Commission and the Foreign Ministry about what should be done to RTI.

One of the biggest problems they have now is they almost never communicate with listeners anymore. Why? Well all I can say on that is your guess is as good as mine (Keith Perron, Taiwan, Jan 17, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TAJIKISTAN. Re DXLD 13 Dec, NHK relay on 900 kHz: During the Oct 2008 Sheigra [Scotland] DXpedition, CVC The Voice Asia was heard testing on 900 via this transmitter, and at the time Andrew Flynn of CVC commented in an email to Alan Pennington that

``CVC is exploring an opportunity to use 900 kHz MW to supplement SW to northern India and Pakistan, and indeed tests were carried out on 7 and 8 Oct. The transmitter is in Dushanbe. We are only in the early

stages of assessing the opportunity so I cannot provide any further information at the moment``.

Regular broadcasts from CVC via Dushanbe seemingly did not materialise (Tony Rogers, MW Report, Jan BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

** TAJIKISTAN. 4765.05, TR1-Dushanbe, 1918, presumed the one with language discussion between a man and woman. Fair at best. Jan 8 (David Sharp, NSW: NRD-535D, FT-950, Sony 7600GR, Drake R8, Timewave 599zx and others, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

4765.07, Dushanbe (Yangi Yul), with typical singing and music, first noted at 0128, strong by 0150 (like AIR Srinagar was at 0136). Program continued to 0159:30, M&F announcements, then one tone sounded on hour, then into news by F in language. Some pre-recorded items. Back to music program at 0206. Talking with two M voices at 0211, then back to music at 0214. Gone by re-check at 0233. 1/16/11 (Jim Young, Wrightwood, CA, IC-756ProIII + 40 meter yagi and antenna tuner, NASWA yg via DXLD)

** TANNU TUVA. 6100, GTRK "Tyva", Kyzyl, 0640 UT, Dec 30, local transmission from Tyva Republic capital Kyzyl. Reception is best in SSB mode (44444) to avoid Krasnoyarsk transmission on 6085 kHz. Parallel frequency is 567. I cannot specify transmitter working time right now, but as it is customary in Russia, it relays R Rossii all the time except local transmissions. I noted programs from Kyzyl at 2310-2400, 0010-0100 and 0610-0700 UT. There should be evening transmission. The station does not have web site (Kovalenko, via DSWCI DXW via BC-DX 16 Jan via DXLD)

** TIBET [non]. CNR1 on 1098 --- Hi all, was just listening to an old Perseus recording from August 28th 2010 at 2000 UT and was very surprised to hear the familiar TOH jingle of China`s CNR1 mixing with Spain on 1098. Definitely not Taiwan, but the usual om / yl CNR1 ID and then jingle. Anyone got any idea where CNR1 comes from on this frequency? Time would have been 4 am in Beijing with local sunrise at 0538. I see CNR11 listed on here; would they carry CNR1? Any ideas would be of great help (Paul Logan, Lisnaskea, N. Ireland, Jan 16, MWC yg via DXLD)

Paul, 1098 has been used for CNR-11 (Tibetan service) since April 2010. It's rumored to be the ex-1134, 1200 kW transmitter at Golmud. CNR11 signs on at 2155 UT, so the transmitter may carry CNR1 in the morning until CNR11 starts up. This may be driven by simple paranoia - concern that some outside (non Chinese) broadcaster may try to use the frequency during the hours when CNR11 isn't on the air, possibly with programming that runs counter to what the Chinese govt wants Tibetan listeners to hear.

That's pure speculation on my part. Someone in that part of the world would need to monitor the channel to confirm whether CNR1 and CNR11 are operating in this manner. Whatever the case, the transmitter seems to get out well - a DXer in Quebec reported CNR1 on 1098 last fall near his local sunset (Bruce Portzer, WA, ibid.)

Golmud is in Qinghai province NE of Tibet, but a suitable skip distance away and under full ChiCom control, from 95 East, 36+ North; older atlas from 1968y shows name as Koerhmu (gh, DXLD)

** TUNISIA. The sudden regime-change here draws attention to the SW broadcast schedule of RTT, which now may be disrupted, but ordinarily it is only in Arabic and we often listen late at night, especially when playing music.

By the time we tuned in, Jan 14 at 2204, only one frequency was on the air, 7345, poor and undermodulated. Contrary to HFCC registrations one hour off, the WRTH 2011 schedule has been, we believe, essentially correct:

0200-0510 9725 12005
0400-0626 7275 [co-channel to Abuja Nigeria, after 0500?]
0600-0810 7335 [mixed with Vatican at first]
1600-2000 9725 12005
1700-2110 7225
1900-2310 7345

Ironically, Tunisia recently hosted an HFCC meeting, despite inability to enter its own schedule correctly, and despite being a repressive dictatorship. Let`s hope things really get better now.

This also raises the question of why there have not been (any?) clandestine broadcasts to Tunisia over the past icosayear?

This website is mostly in Arabic, http://www.rtci.tn/ but linx to the `latest` French newscast. As of 0515 UT Jan 15, it`s dated ``RTCI le Journal de 13h30 - 14 janvier 2011`` which was before the pres abdicated and fled. But it contains reports from the streets about the demonstrations. This site looks the same:
http://www.radiotunisienne.tn/
Both appear on the RNW Hitlist.

Satellite monitor Mike Cooper in Atlanta says it is also possible to get Tunisian TV and radio on Ku-band, Galaxy 19, not only in Arabic but also French (Glenn Hauser, OK, WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

It's possible to monitor Tunisian television and radio through a Ku-band satellite (Galaxy 19). Programming has been odd since the departure of President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali. Francophone RTCI has been running classical and filler music much of today, instead of the usual mix of contemporary music (including late night dance and trance). The news bulletin at 2100 UT consisted of a terse announcement that under a certain provision of the law, a curfew was in effect and groups larger than three people are not allowed to congregate. The Arabic-language Tunis Radio seems to be also running fill music with an occasional announcement. And the Tunis-7 television channel has been alternating news (well, more like a woman sitting an an anchor desk listening to phone callers, with occasional man-on-the-street interview footage) and generic patriotic-looking footage and features (including an attractive female singer in front of a Tunisian flag which she occasionally kisses). Lucky flag.

Not speaking Arabic, I can't get much out of the TV channel or Tunis Radio, but it's interesting to be able to monitor a domestic broadcaster in the midst of a regime change and state of emergency. (Mike Cooper, GA, Jan 14, WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7335, RTT, Jan 15 at 0631, fair in Arabic music, announcement. Seems keeping to regular schedule despite regime change (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

7225, Radio Tunisienne, Sfax normal transmission in spite of the ongoing intifada. Heard Jan. 14, 1915-1940 with traditional Arab music, 1927 five minutes' news in Arabic with a proclamation by the temporary president Mohamed Ghannouchi, then more music.

7275, Radio Tunisienne again Jan. 15 0545-0625 c/d with traditional Arab music and at 0600 news in Arabic with proclamation as yesterday. 0605 mixed music until c/d (Ullmar Qvick, Sweden, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[and non]. TUNISIAN UPRISING AND INTERNATIONAL BROADCASTING -- mostly Al Jazeera, with social media assist. Posted: 15 Jan 2011:
http://kimelli.nfshost.com/index.php?id=10483
http://kimelli.nfshost.com/index.php?id=10482
Tunisian internet users take to the streets to protest "File Not Found." Posted: 13 Jan 2011
http://kimelli.nfshost.com/index.php?id=10462
(kimandrewelliott.com via WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DXLD) linx to numerous stories

7275, 0455-0535 16.01, RTT, Sfax Arabic Call to Prayer, ann, Qur·n recitation, ann "Allah .....", 0504 ID: "Huna Tunis, Idha'at al-wataniya at-Tunisiya", declaration read about democracy in Tunisia, messages, ID, 0510 Arab songs with another ID 0516; 0527 conversation

amongst 4 persons about the "Entifada" in Tunisia with some laughter! No panic noticed at this station! 45444 improving to 55555 (S9 + 40 dB!).

7335, 0755-0805* 16.01, RTT, Sfax, Arabic ann and Arab orchestra music 45333. Best 73, (Anker Petersen, Skovlunde, Denmark, AOR AR7030PLUS with 28 metres longwire, via Dario Monferini, playdx yg via DXLD)

7225 / 7345 / 9725 / 12005 TUNISIA RTT. 1920 January 16, 2011. All in parallel and signals -- in order -- very poor, poor, good and very good, and all QRM free. Arabic vocals, news-ish items. Twitter brings down the government. Archaic and outdated shortwave is still turned on full blast here. Go figure (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Per sked, only at 19-20 all 4 transmitters go (gh, ibid.)

7275, RTT, Jan 17 until 0627* usual nice calm Arabic music, as if nothing is going on rather than riots and fires (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Over to Mike:

It continues to be interesting to listen to RTCI, the francophone Tunisian service [via satellite, Galaxy 19, Ku]. This morning, a woman is announcing the new interim government, emphasizing that there is no longer a Ministry of Communications or a Ministry of Information, and that information is being allowed to circulate freely. It makes me wonder what it must be like to be at a state-run station when the government body that regulates you no longer exists (Mike Cooper, Atlanta GA, Jan 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

[non]. HFCC was planning to hold its A-11 conference, again in Tunis, February 14-18, but due to the uncertain situation there, are moving it to Prague and delaying it a week (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TURKEY. Haven`t looked for VOT English to NAm lately at 0400 on 9655, so I check Jan 14: inaudible. The 1330 broadcast on 12035 continues to be quite marginal.

17755, astounded to encounter VOT in English here, Jan 15 and just as I tune in at 1345, ``DX Corner`` is starting! This frequency is supposed to be only for German at 1230-1330, so they missed changing to proper 12035 where nothing was audible. Wake up in Emirler!

Altho 17755 was poor, it was no worse than 12035 usually is, and on a better day might well be superior. If 16m is best for Germany at 1230, why do they think 25m is best for UK at 1330, all full-day paths? I could // it to JBA 11735 eastward. 17755 signal diminished and was finished off from *1356 by WYFR IS on 17760.

Topix on DXC by YL included ISWL and cancer; 1352 into music. I was going to retrieve it on-demand, but as of 1550 UT Jan 15, the latest broadcast is from Jan 13! In the lower-left corner of: http://www.trt-world.com/trtworld/en/news.aspx

I`m afraid VOT cannot join the ranx of major world SW broadcasters, despite all their languages, until they get their act together by adhering to their own schedule and keeping the OD uptodate (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TURKEY. Winter B-10 schedule for Voice of Turkey:
Shortwave Broadcasting Schedule of VOICE OF TURKEY Radio
between 31.10.2010 - 27.03.2011 dates [updated]

kHz	UTC	tx	kW	deg	language	target
5930	1600-1700	EMR	500	105	PERSIAN	AS (ex 9530)
5965	1630-1730	EMR	500	90	AZERBAIJANI	AS
5970	2030-2130	EMR	500	300	FRENCH	EUR
5980	1700-2200	CAK	250	313	TURKISH	EUR
6000	0100-0300	EMR	500	72	TURKISH	AS
6050	1930-2030	CAK	250	310	ENGLISH	EUR (ex EMR)
6050	2030-2130	EMR	250	247	FRENCH	AF/EUR
6120	1700-2200	EMR	250	150	TURKISH	AF/AS (ex CAK)
6185	1500-1530	EMR	500	290	ITALIAN	EUR
7205	1830-1930	CAK	250	320	GERMAN	EUR (ex EMR)
7240	0400-0500	CAK	250	152	ENGLISH	AS (ex EMR)
7245	1200-1230	CAK	250	313	BULGARIAN	EUR
7335	2300-2400	EMR	500	310	ENGLISH	AMs/EUR (ex CAK 5960) **** [WORLD OF RADIO 1548]
9410	0200-0300	EMR	500	252	SPANISH	AMs/SoEUR (ex CAK)
9410	1400-1500	CAK	250	25	RUSSIAN	AS/EUR (ex EMR)
9495	1730-1830	CAK	250	267	SPANISH	AF/EUR (ex EMR)
9610	2130-2230	CAK	500	104	ENGLISH	AS/AUS (ex EMR)
9650	0200-0300	CAK	500	284	SPANISH	AF/AMs/SoEUR
9655	0400-0500	EMR	500	335	ENGLISH	AMs/EUR (ex CAK)
9665	1500-1600	CAK	250	152	ARABIC	AF/AS
9700	0500-0700	EMR	250	310	TURKISH	EUR/AM (ex CAK)
9785	1430-1500	EMR	500	62	KAZAKH	AS (ex CAK)
9820	0500-0700	CAK	250	152	TURKISH	AS (ex EMR)
9840	1100-1200	CAK	250	87	GEORGIAN	AS
11680	1600-1730	CAK	250	87	DARI-PUSHTO UZBEK	AS
11735	1330-1430	EMR	500	95	ENGLISH	AS (ex CAK)
11795	0930-1100	EMR	500	105	PERSIAN	AS (ex CAK)
11805	1200-1300	EMR	500	72	CHINESE	AS (ex 17715)

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11815 1400-1700 CAK 250 320 TURKISH     EUR/AM
11835 0800-0900 CAK 250  87 AZERBAIJANI AS
11925 0700-1000 CAK 250  87 TURKISH     AS
11955 1000-1100 CAK 250 205 ARABIC      AF/NE/ME
11965 1300-1330 CAK 250  87 TURKMEN     AS
11985 1300-1400 EMR 500  92 URDU        AS (ex CAK)
12035 1330-1430 CAK 500 313 ENGLISH     EUR/AM (ex EMR)

13625 1130-1200 CAK 500  87 UZBEK       AS (ex EMR)
13640 0300-0400 CAK 500  72 UYGHUR      AS (ex EMR)
13685 1330-1430 EMR 500  72 UYGHUR      AS new time (ex 15-16)

15200 1500-1600 EMR 500 252 ARABIC      AF/SoEUR
15245 1000-1100 EMR 500 150 ARABIC      AF/AS
15350 0700-1400 EMR 500 310 TURKISH     EUR/AM
15360 1100-1130 CAK 500  32 TATAR       AS (ex EMR)
15480 0700-1400 EMR 500 150 TURKISH     AF/AS

17755 1230-1330 EMR 500 310 GERMAN      EUR
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[Note that there is no longer ANY TURKISH to Americas, but the ones to Europe are in same direxion as NAm, and should carry onward, propagation permitting. There are also duplications in this list, e.g. English on same frequency to more than one target area. Perhaps someone would like to resort this into time order too. {gh}]

(TRT xls via Mustafa Cankurt-TUR, Oct 27, transformed and tidied up by gh. [removing meter bands, Turkish time, DSB which applies to all entries, colons in times but not inserting leading zeroes; more useful would have been azimuths and transmitter sites] for dxld Oct 28; transformed to frequ sorted form file by wb. Oct 29; updated Jan 14) vy73 de (Wolfgang DF5SX, Jan 16, WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Note the frequency change for English at 2300; and strangely enough, sites are swapped for all the other English broadcasts, but on same frequencies (Glenn Hauser, WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Frequency changes for Voice of Turkey effective from Jan. 14:
1200-1257 NF 11805#EMR 500 kW / 072 deg to EaAs, ex 17715 Chinese
1330-1427 NF 13685^EMR 500 kW / 072 deg to EaAs, ex 11620 Uyghur, ex 1500-1557
1600-1657 NF 5930*EMR 500 kW / 105 deg to WeAs, ex 9530 Persian
2300-2357 NF 7335+EMR 500 kW / 310 deg to NoAm, ex 5960 English
co-ch Radio Liberty in Kyrgyz 1200-1230
^ co-ch China Radio International in French/English
* co-ch Radio Prague in German 1600-1630
+ co-ch WHRI Angel 1/5 in English on Sat

(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Jan 18 via DXLD)

** UGANDA. 4750, Dunamis Shortwave, 1843, presumed with African music and man reading scripture. Very weak, but alone on freq. Jan 7 (David Sharp, NSW: NRD-535D, FT-950, Sony 7600GR, Drake R8, Timewave 599zx and others, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** UKRAINE. No RUI transmission via Mykolaiv 9410 and Lviv Krasne 7440 kHz anymore.
0800-1100 9410 SMF 250 kW 312 deg to WeEUR En/Ukr/Ukr, cancelled.
2300-0300 7440 LV 500 kW 303 deg to NoAM En/Ukr/En/Ukr, cancelled.
(Wolfgang B¸schel, BC-DX 16 Jan via DXLD)

** UKRAINE. Radio Ukraine International
Winter B10 Tentative Broadcasting Schedule (from 1 January 2011)

1500-1800 7435 Kharkiv 100 kW 055 deg to Russia
1800-2100 6030 Kharkiv 100 kW 290 deg to Europe
2100-2200 6140 Kharkiv 100 kW 290 deg to Europe

Ukrainian
1500-1800 7435
1900-2000 6030

English
2000-2100 6030 [WORLD OF RADIO 1548]

German
1800-1900 6030
2100-2200 6140

Romanian
1800-1830 657
2030-2100 657
2200-2230 657 (Alexandr Yegorov, Kyiv, Ukraine / ìdeneb-radio-dxî via RusDX 16 Jan via WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DXLD) See KURDISTAN [non]

** UKRAINE. Re 11-02, 783 Kiev 200 UR1

In plain text: 207 kHz / 500 kW has been replaced by 783 kHz / 200 kW, whatever the rationale for this move may be; I would not think that mediumwave is much more popular than longwave, and at the same time the daytime coverage has no doubt shrunk considerably.

Here in eastern Germany the Brovary transmitter may now be part of the mumbling that always accompanies the Wiederau signal at night, much helped by the DCC system of the Thomson M2W transmitter plus ground-/skywave congestion from which the cheap antenna offers no

protection whatsoever, since it just radiates somehow to all directions and angles (Kai Ludwig, Jan 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. MONITORING TO CUT MORE THAN 50 JOBS
The Guardian, By Mark Sweney, 17 January 2011
http://www.guardian.co.uk/media/2011/jan/17/bbc-monitoring-job-cuts

The BBC today confirmed the first job cuts following last year's licence fee settlement, with more than 50 posts to be lost at BBC Monitoring. Staff across the BBC are bracing themselves for hundreds of job cuts in the coming weeks and months after the hastily negotiated funding deal with the government, which will see the licence fee frozen at £145.50 and the corporation's income cut by 16% in real terms by 2017.

BBC Monitoring, the division responsible for supplying information on the output of TV, press and internet outlets around the world, is to lose 72 posts ñ 16% of its staff ñ although 18 new positions will also be created.The job losses are part of moves to cut £6m over two years from BBC Monitoring's £23.2m annual budget.

As part of the licence fee deal, the BBC is taking over responsibility for funding BBC Monitoring from the Cabinet Office in 2013. "Regrettably service cuts and post closures are inevitable given the scale of the cut in funding from the Cabinet Office. We are now beginning a period of consultation with staff on our proposals," said the BBC Monitoring director, Chris Westcott.

BBC Monitoring employs about 450 people in the UK and overseas, with a main base at Caversham Park in Reading. It tracks and translates press, TV and radio reports from 150 countries in more than 100 languages. It is understood that the BBC is close to announcing job losses at the World Service as part of a cost-cutting move that will see the Bush House newsgathering teams merged with the corporation's domestic news operation.

The BBC will take over funding the World Service in 2014 from the Foreign & Commonwealth Office. Last week the BBC director general, Mark Thompson, told staff that he intends to seek cuts of 20% over four years, more than the required 16% resulting from the new funding deal agreed with the government (via Mike Terry, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DXLD)

I caught the tail end of an interview about this on BBC Radio Berkshire in the car earlier. I will try to listen on the BBC iPlayer later on when they upload the programme, sometime after 1900 this evening. You'll be looking for the Phil Kennedy show, broadcast today (Mon 17 Jan) at about 1725 GMT (probably about 1 hour 25 mins into the

programme. You may already know R Berks are based at Caversham Park. I feel for anyone reading who this might affect (Ian Kelly, Jan 17, BDXC-UK yg via DXLD)

** U K [and non]. 5875, BBC vs BBC, again audible at about equally weak levels, Jan 15 at 1415, Arabic via Cyprus longpath and English via Thailand shortpath.

11770, weak English with Strine accent, but surely not RA, Jan 14 at 0612. Is // but out of synch with BBC 9410, no doubt with report from Queensland. Yes, 11770 per HFCC is BBCWS via SOUTH AFRICA, 05-07, 100 kW, 335 degrees USward, and Meyerton was also in on 11830 with RFI; see BRAZIL [and non]

5940, BBCWS in English, Jan 15 at 0316, good here tnx to WWCR 5935 being quite weak, and a few words ahead of // 7445 which is very good, almost as if BBC were broadcasting to US again!

5940 is per HFCC both 300 kW, 77 degrees from Cyprus, and 300 kW, 114 degrees from Woofferton UK, but I heard no echo; perhaps only one really in use at any given time. 7445 is 250 kW, 114 degrees from Ascension, nowhere near really for us at all. See also USA: WWCR [non], 7465

11860, BBCWS news hour in English, Jan 18 at 1318, on flooding spreading to Horsham NSW, and northern Victoria. Good signal but some ACI from WYFR 11855, and also some crackle around the channel, perhaps spursplat from DCJC on 11930 against MartÌ. Latest HFCC update still does not account for this transmission, so we still assume it is a runover from the 12-13 relay via GUIANA FRENCH. No sign of Poland in English via Woofferton which should have 11860 to itself during this hour.

11860, since BBCWS in English is sometimes heard in the 13-14 hour, such as Jan 18, likely an overrun by GUIANA FRENCH scheduled 1215-1300 only, I am hoping to catch a continuation with no break in transmission, Jan 19 around 1300. No such luck today, off the air at 1259:45* (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. HOW THE BBC WORLD SERVICE SORTS OUT ITS TRANSMISSIONS

I found this to be interesting reading; the BBC World Service consists of 56 active simultaneous networks (program streams?)
http://www.theengineer.co.uk/in-depth/analysis/broadcasting-the-bbc-world-service-to-a-growing-audience/1006874.article
(Richard Cuff / Allentown, PA USA, Jan 17, ODXA yg via DXLD)

** U K. BBC ARABIC SERVICE JOURNALISTS STRIKE TOMORROW OVER ROSTERS

Journalists at the BBCís Arabic Service will strike for 48 hours from tomorrow (18 January) in a dispute over work rotas being imposed by management. ìThe NUJ [National Union of Journalists] has repeated consistently its willingness to sit down with management to try to resolve this issue sensibly and reasonably,î said NUJ organiser Laura Davison. ìWe have again stressed we are prepared to take the problem to the conciliation service ACAS, but the BBC has not taken us up on the offer.

ìJournalists at the BBCís Arabic Service regard managementís proposal as unworkable, believe it will disrupt peopleís lives, increase levels of work-related stress, and prove to be a false economy. The NUJ chapel has put forward its own proposals to management, but has been met with a negative response, leaving dedicated journalists with no alternative to taking industrial action.î (Source: National Union of Journalists)(January 17th, 2011 - 13:31 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DXLD)

** U S A [non]. Frequency change of Radio Liberty in Kyrgyz:
1200-1230 NF 11805#PHT 250 kW / 315 deg to CeAs, ex 11955 // 13755, 15265 # co-ch Voice of Turkey in Chinese
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Jan 18 via DXLD) see also PAKISTAN +non

** U S A [and non]. 9760, still no VOA via Tinang, PHILIPPINES to be heard Saturday Jan 15 around 1330 when ``Jazz America`` used to be audible. 9760 is still on the HFCC schedule, 13-14 only on Sat/Sun. However, propagation conditions are degraded but surely would have heard some sign of it if on, as it normally comes in well after 1500. [see also PHILIPPINES]

Had to settle for VOA Korean, 5890 via TINIAN, which was playing a YL jazz singer at 1332; fair signal with het on hi side. At 1414 noise-jamming also audible.

17740, strong open carrier, Jan 17 at 1427, no doubt Greenville B tuning up for the 17 UT VOA Portuguese.

12150, VOA news, good but with some fading, Jan 17 at 1438. This amounts to the best, virtually only frequency to hear VOA at this hour in English, as nothing making it on 6, 7, 9, 11, 13, 15 or 17 MHz, except a trace on 17715 Botswana, seems //. 12150 is via Iranawila, SRI LANKA, 250 kW, 322 degrees intended only for CIRAF 41 = South Asia, 1400-1500 M-F, 1500-1600 daily.

12150 still audible at 1513 but weaker, English interview but apparently it is ``Border Crossings`` since the English is not special, and the subject is a musician. Now // 12055 is on, stronger but

with echo, via Lampertheim, GERMANY. See also PHILIPPINES

15580, Jan 17 at 2113, ``Billie Jean`` by Michael Jaxon, 2115 seguÈ to ``Thriller``, but very distorted modulation worsened by selective fading, and wobbling carrier. Must be VOA Music Mix, supposed to be BOTSWANA during this hour, so is it the ailing transmitter there? VG level at S9+15 and could have been Greenville, another ailing transmitter substituting.

9680, Jan 17 at 2126 hard rock music, 2127 VOA French with USG editorial, brief backgrounder on Martin Luther King, a Baptist minister from Alabama. (Actually he was from Atlanta, but became a pastor in 1954 in Montgomery.) This was over already in a sesquiminute, 2128.5 sign-off mentioning FM in Ouagadougou and Abidjan, not shortwave! VG signal which could have been Greenville, but HFCC shows MADAGASCAR, 250 kW, 300 degrees, M-F only. 9680 cut off at 2129.5 after ``VOA, Washington``.

9780, meanwhile, found to be // and leading 9680 by about a second. It`s SVO TOM…, 100 kW, 88 degrees and weaker like it should be. 9780 continued with full Yankee-Doodle-Dandy sign-off until 2131, then open carrier continuing.

Again Jan 18 I am looking for VOA`s ``Border Crossings``. Today, no signal on 12150 from SRI LANKA at 1527, and very poor from Lampertheim on 12055 vs WEWN 12050. See also PHILIPPINES

9640, Jan 19 at 1249, VOA news in English, poor with ACI from CVC Chile music 9635. Surprised to find VOA here, as used to be on 9645 via Thailand, but not any more. HFCC shows 9640 as due west from Tinang, PHILIPPINES, 12-13 daily plus 13-14 weekends, the latter presumably with ``Jazz America``, which has been missing from 9760.

9760, after missing or sporadic appearances, VOA Tinang, PHILIPPINES is back with very good signal Jan 19 at 1505, after news, introducing English teaching, and special English, i.e. ``New Dynamic English`` and ``Funxioning in Business`` during first half; UT-half hour news, then ``The Health Report``, and ``Explorations``. 1506 starts NDE with Max & Cathy (Kathy?). No breaks in transmission so far and still there at recheck later in the hour.

15460, Jan 19 at 1605 I am hearing exactly the same special English intro as on 9760 an hour earlier; this is via Lampertheim, GERMANY, 100 kW, 132 degrees at 16-17 only.

13750, VOA Spanish news about Hu`s visit to Washington, Jan 9 at 1333 interrupted for quick frequency announcement, 9885, 13750 and 15590. Finally, they have corrected 13715 to 13750 weeks after it really

changed. 13750 itself was VG now, but 15590 still poor; what a difference 1.84 MHz makes in the MUF from NC (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Frequency change for Voice of America in Albanian:
1930-2000 NF 6015 SAO 100 kW / 020 deg to SEEu, ex 11740
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Jan 18 via DXLD) Rather roundabout

** U S A. ANOTHER NEW RELIGIOUS SHORTWAVE STATION FOR THE US

On their Facebook page,
http://www.facebook.com/pages/The-Stinson-Family/133302580053155
the Stinson Family
http://www.codystinsonfamily.com/
write: ìWe are praising the Lord! We just saw God provide the money to start a shortwave radio station at our home base! This radio station will have a worldwide reach. We will be broadcasting in multiple languages to reach the unreached with the Gospel! Please help us pray as Spring City Baptist Church and Independent Baptist Media
http://www.independentbaptistmedia.com/
endeavour to get the station on the air by the end of 2011!î According to their website, The Stinson Family are based in Lebanon, VA (January 17th, 2011 - 11:37 UTC by Andy Sennitt, Media Network blog via WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DXLD)

No further details and as yet we have nothing from the FCC about an application for such a station, let alone a construxion permit (gh, ibid.)

** U S A. WORLD OF RADIO 1547 confirmed on WWRB, 3185 and webcast, UT Friday Jan 14 starting a bit late at 0433. Next check at 0500 found the webcast had defaulted to King James, but WOR played to finish at 0501:32 on 3185.

Also starting at 0400 UT Friday, WOR on ACB Radio Mainstream webcast, to be repeated 2-hourly thru 2400, http://www.acbradio.org

Next airing confirmed on WRMI, 9955, Friday Jan 14 at 1544, weak but not jammed except for bleed from the wall of noise on 9965.

Further chances for WOR 1547: Friday 2130 on WWCR 7465; but will it return Sat at 1700 on 12160 after missing all year despite still appearing on the January schedule? On WRMI 9955: Sat 0900, 1500, 1830; Sun 0900, 1630, 1830.

WORLD OF RADIO listeners lose again: WWCR 7465 off the air when WOR should have appeared, Friday Jan 14 at 2130, just a very weak signal from something else, while the other three WWCR frequencies were

strong, 9350, 9980, 13845. However, WOR 1547 was on the WWCR-1 webcast at this time, so should be there when the transmitter is back on the air. It was still off after 2200, missing Frecuencia al DÌa too, and also still off after 2300. Not checked again until 0246, and by then the next WWCR-1 frequency, 3215, was on the air. {I also checked 15825 and 3215 at 2130 in case there was a mixup in change times, but nothing.}

Now we wait with bated breath for Saturday 1700 on 12160; if it is still WORless, that means there will be only one chance for WWCR listeners to hear us this week, Sunday at the late hour of 0730 on 3215 (we hope).

As WOR SW opportunities diminish, I should remind people that the latest and a great many previous editions are available on demand via http://www.worldofradio.com/audiomid.html
Also there are many webcast-only WOR affiliates, plus most of the scheduled SW airings are also webcast. See http://www.worldofradio.com/radioskd.html

The other station on 7465 at 2130 must have been BBCWS English via SOUTH AFRICA, scheduled during this hour only, 100 kW, 330 degrees USward, which blocks WOR reception in Africa, but at least here in NAm is totally blown away by WWCR when it is on.

9955, WRMI at 1500:37 Jan 15 starting WORLD OF RADIO 1547, fair signal and not jammed except for bleed from 9965. Next airings on WRMI: Sat 1830, Sun 0900, 1630, 1830. Hoped-for next airing on WWCR: Sat 1700 on 12160 --- no, still something else. That leaves only: Sun 0730 on 3215.

Further WORLD OF RADIO 1547 monitoring: 9955, WRMI, Saturday Jan 15 at 1855 for the 1830+ WRN relay: pulse jamming, JBA carrier, but confirmed on webcast. Sunday Jan 16 at 1637, fair signal, no jamming except bleed from the wall of noise on 9965. Next chances: Sun 1830, Mon 1230 - probably jammed, Tue 1630; Wed 1630 unless I have #1548 ready by then as hoped. Also on WBCQ 7415, Tue 2000.

0730 UT Sunday Jan 16, WOR 1547 confirmed on 3215, the only known WWCR SW airing this week since:
2130 Friday on 7465 was off the air, but still on WWCR-1 webcast.
1700 Saturday on 12160 missing third week in a row despite schedule.
0330 Sunday on 4840 canceled plus entire DX Block at end of 2010y

9955, again on Sunday Jan 16 like Saturday, cannot hear WORLD OF RADIO from WRN via WRMI at 1834, due to wall-of-noise jamming from Cuba at same level as on 9965 vs Radio Rep˙blica. With BFO could detect a WRMI carrier, anyway. Next chances for WOR on WRMI: Tue and Wed 1630 when

jamming seems to abate; Tue & Wed 2000 on WBCQ 7415.

WRMI is relaying WRN in English seven days a week at 17-21 UT (weekdays until 22 but believed to be on SW only on weekends), so there is no excuse for the DentroCuban Jamming Command to be blasting 9955 in the early afternoons, wasting countless megawatts while Cubans oppressed for a semi-century crave a good meal, and Arnie`s attempts to maintain a reputation as ``your friend in Habana`` continue to crumble. When he gets his jamming off all my WOR broadcasts, I will reconsider (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Hi Glenn; Yes, the DX Block has been cancelled. We were not able to find a sponsor and instead agreed to sell the time. It was a purely financial decision. As you know, we have incurred tremendous expenses from flood repairs. Broadcasters typically express interest in Saturday evenings. WWCR was no longer able to turn away revenue to continue airing WOR without charge.

The Saturday 12160 time was NOT sold. A program was being broadcast during that time period as a bonus. That bonus will be moved and WOR will return to it's 12160 slot, immediately.

As of now, the Friday 7465 airing of WOR is still on the schedule. Transmitter 1 failed to switch to 9985 at 1000 UT on 1/14/11. It did operate for a few hours (1-3 pm Central) but required more work after that time. I do anticipate WOR airing this Friday. Phil Patton seems to have made the needed repairs and the transmitter has been functioning normally since the evening of January 14th. Take Care, (Brady Murray, WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

9955, WRMI, Wed Jan 19 at 1630, first airing of new WORLD OF RADIO 1548 confirmed, not jammed. Further chances: Thu 0430, 1600, 2200-probably jammed, Fri 1530, Sat 0900, 1500, 1830-jammed last week.

We expect to be back on WWCR, Fri 2130 on 7465 which had a transmitter problem last week; and Sat 1700 on 12160 which had been occupied by another program`s bonus broadcast.

WOR also: on WBCQ, Wed 2000 [confirmed on webcast] and Thu 2000 on 7415; on WWRB, UT Fri 0430 on 3185 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WWRB QSY from 3185 to 9385 later than usual, Sat Jan 15: at 1409, nothing on 9385 yet, and BS on 3185 still audible. Next check at 1452, 9385 was on (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. 9405, Jan 14 at 0600 check has YL legal ID as ``WINB, Red Lion, Pennsylvania`` interrupting gospel-huxter who makes

no pause at hourtop. WINB attains S9+20, while other nights it`s JBA. And this time it is strong enough to bother BBC on 9410! Modulation continues to be bad from the Radio 2:11 program source.

9405, WINB, Jan 16 at 0703 check is JBA, less than 9370v WTJC, now spurless.

9405, presumed WINB the source of a JBA carrier, Jan 18 at 0632. In the wildly variable nightmiddle conditions on 31m, this time, all US stations are quite weak, even WYFR, WTJC; but BBC 9410 was fair, Ascension during this hour only. Before 0600 it`s Cyprus.

9405, Jan 19 at 0659, WINB this night is S9+18 instead of S0, usual wobbling carrier, tale of Narnia, lofi feed from Radio 2:11, and much worse audio when a bit of music plays (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 15550-USB, WJHR, Jan 16 at 1638, trace of talk on USB, presumed this, in splash from Portugal 15560 which is weekends only. I had not logged WJHR since Dec 27, so it still exists, despite flouting FCC rules with nowhere near 50 kW, a glorified ham station (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A [and non]. The final issue of US News & World Report (the formerly solid news weekly watered down to nothing) has an ad reading "Have You Heard The Awesome News that the end of the world is almost here? ... The Bible guarantees the end of the world will begin May 21, 2011." The ad is sponsored by Family Radio. Does this mean they plan to cease shortwave broadcasts on this date, even if the end of the world does not "begin" on May 21? For some, the end of the world may have begun when BBCWS stopped broadcasting to North America (Mike Cooper, GA, Jan 15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

We eagerly await the A-11 HFCC registrations whether WYFR plans extend beyond May 21!! (gh, DXLD)

11665, WYFR after 2100 was in Arabic again Jan 17, not Yoruba or whatever was heard once last week (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 7505 [sic], WRNO, New Orleans, 0406-0411 Nov 26 with N.O. Jazz, walloping 80 dB signal, audio a bit rough but excellent overall (Richard W. Parker, Pennsburg PA, Miltronix/Signal Corps R-390A, Sherwood SE-3 MK III Deluxe Synchronous Detector, Collins 51S-1 with 55G-1 pre-selector, Yaesu FT-840, MFJ-901B antenna tuner, 25m dipole, Alpha-Delta DX sloper, 160 ft inverted L with Yaesu FC-800 auto-tuner, 75m balanced doublet, Jan World DX Club Contact via DXLD)

His stuff helps get those huge signal readings; they are not exactly intrinsic. But WRNO has been off the air now for weeks (gh, DXLD)

7506v, WRNO still off the air, Jan 14 at 0248 check (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Ted Randall was planning to repeat his interview with me soon on QSO, perhaps today Jan 15 at 19-21 on WTWW 9479, but not confirmed. Is QSO still on WBCQ 7415 Saturdays at 19-20, and is it the same as on WTWW or different? No specific info yet at http://www.tedrandall.com where music autolaunches, beware (Glenn Hauser, OK, 1720 UT Jan 15, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No, it was Bill Pasternak at 1900 on 9479, second hour unknown (gh)

[and non]. 9479, WTWW missing, Jan 17 at 2123; I know it was on during the previous semihour; back on at next check 2132 with super-signal. Unfortunately, nothing of interest heard in its absence, but 1Africa, Zambia, 9505 did not have to worry about overload in OK from WTWW.

5755, WTWW dead air Jan 18 at 0641, but 0642 cut on PPP in progress. Seems SFAW HQ in CO still can`t keep a reliable feed going (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Winter B-10 of WEWN Global Catholic Radio:
English
0000-0300 on 11520 EWN 250 kW / 040 deg to N/ME
0300-0600 on 11520 EWN 250 kW / 040 deg to WeEu
0600-0900 on 11520 EWN 250 kW / 085 deg to WeAf
0900-1200 on 9390 EWN 250 kW / 335 deg to SEAs
1200-1500 on 15610 EWN 250 kW / 040 deg to N/ME
1500-1900 on 15610 EWN 250 kW / 040 deg to WeEu
1900-2400 on 15610 EWN 250 kW / 085 deg to WeAf

Spanish
0000-1000 on 11870 EWN 250 kW / 155 deg to SoAm
1000-1700 on 12050 EWN 250 kW / 155 deg to SoAm
1700-2400 on 13830 EWN 250 kW / 155 deg to SoAm

Spanish
0000-0500 on 5810 EWN 250 kW / 220 deg to CeAm
0500-1300 on 7555 EWN 250 kW / 220 deg to CeAm
1300-1800 on 11550 EWN 250 kW / 220 deg to CeAm
1800-2400 on 12050 EWN 250 kW / 220 deg to CeAm
(DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Jan 18 via DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. Updated winter B-10 schedule of World Harvest Radio:

WHRI Angel 1 and WHRI Angel 5 in parallel

[surely means either/or depending on power requirement ñ and they need to point out that DXWC has not been confirmed on the air for months, and much of the rest of the WHR schedule is imaginary!! --- gh]

0000-0200 on 5920 DXWC 0130-0200 Sat
0200-0500 on 7385 DXWC 0330-0400 Sun; 0430-0500 Sun
0500-1100 on 11565 DXWC 0730-0800 Sun
1100-1500 on 17540 Sat/Sun
1500-1600 on 21630 Sat
1500-1600 on 15680 Sun
1600-1900 on 21630
1900-2000 on 17520 DXWC 1930-2000 Sun
2000-2200 on 15665
2200-2300 on 9615
2300-2400 on 5920 Sun-Fri
2300-2400 on 7335 Sat

WHRI Angel 2
0000-0300 on 5875 DXWC 0200-0230 Sun
0300-0400 on 7590
0400-0500 on 7465 Sun-Fri
0400-0500 on 9640 Sat
0500-0600 on 7465
0600-0800 on 9615
0800-0900 on 11565
0900-1000 on 9840
1000-1100 on 9865 Deutsche Welle in German
1100-1200 on 9840
1200-1300 on 9410 BBC in Spanish Mon-Fri
[no, Spanish is 1200-1215 only, rest in English --- gh]
1300-1600 on 9840 Sat/Sun
1600-1700 on 9840
1700-1800 on 9840 Sun-Fri
1700-1800 on 21630 Sat
1800-2000 on 9840
2000-2100 on 7570
2100-2200 on 7555
2200-2400 on 15640 Deutsche Welle in German

T8WH Angel 3 [PALAU]
0700-1100 on 9930 DXWC 0900-0930 Sun
1100-1200 on 9945 IBRA Radio in Chinese
1200-1300 on 9930
1300-1400 on 13745 Mon-Fri
1300-1400 on 9930 Sat/Sun

1400-1500 om 9930
1500-1800 on 9905 Radio Free Asia in Chinese
1800-1900 on 9955
1900-2200 on 9875 Radio Free Asia in Chinese
2200-2300 on 9930 Fri/Sat

T8WH Angel 4 [PALAU]
0000-0030 on 17840 Radio Australia in Indonesian
0030-0400 on 15680
0400-0430 on 17840 Radio Australia in Indonesian
0430-0500 on 15680
0500-0530 on 17845 Radio Australia in Indonesian
0530-1000 on 15680
1000-1100 on 15420 Radio Free Sarawak in Bahasa Malay
1100-1300 on 9965
1300-1430 on 9965 Radio Australia in Chinese
1430-1500 on 9950 Furusato no Kaze in Japanese
1500-1530 on 9975 Nippon no Kaze in Korean
1530-1600 on 9965 Nippon no Kaze in Korean
1600-1630 on 9965 Radio Australia in Burmese
1630-2200 on 9930 DXWC 1930-2000 Sat/Sun
2200-2400 on 13590 Radio Australia in English

WHRI Angel 6
0600-1300 on 7385 DXWC 1000-1030 Sun; 1230-1300 Sun
1300-1400 on 9540 Sat/Sun
1400-1600 on 15180 Sat/Sun
1600-2300 on 15180 DXWC 1830-1900 Sat
2300-0600 on 7315
DXWC=DXing With Cumbre (DX Mix News, Bulgaria, Jan 18 via DXLD)

** U S A [non]. 17605, Sat Jan 15 at 1454, repetitive song by a few singers, ``eee-sah-mee-rah-boh`` syllables heard every few sex, which means? 1456 seguÈ to HOA music, from AWR`s Afar service via AUSTRIA.

11755, Jan 17 at 2051, slow talk in a tonal African language; 2058 retune in music, and no announcement before cut to open carrier at 2059:30, 2100 VTC music loop to 2100:42*. HFCC reveals it`s AWR in Yoruba via SOUTH AFRICA, 250 kW, 328 degrees from Meyerton to Nigeria, but also USward, accounting for the good signal, made better by the absence of RHC from 11760; see CUBA. Same has AWR French at 2000-2030. If it seem odd I file this under USA, Adventism is an American-originated religion and HQ are in Silver Spring MD (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WSBA 2730 (910 x 3) still heard every morning (Bill Smith, MA, W1OW, Jan 16, DX LISTENING DIGEST) York PA

** U S A. 4050-, Jan 9 at 0709, country music peaks S9+8 and sounds like the strongest I have yet heard this third harmonic of 1350 KWMO Washington MO near St Louis. 0711, ``From Waylon Jennings to [missed; what`s the opposite of him?], we`ve got you covered in Country``; really cranking out the sesquiwatts tonight, but some fades below noise level; 0714 the usual YL DJ, syndicated or local? (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. W6XBE AT THE GOLDEN GATE EXPOSITION, 1939
Radio World by John Schneider January 11,2011
http://www.radioworld.com/article/111954

The Golden Gate Exposition was one of a long line of worldís fairs celebrated in various U.S. cities in the 20th century. It was held in 1939 to commemorate the completion of San Franciscoís two major bridges: the Bay Bridge and the Golden Gate Bridge. It took place on Treasure Island, in the middle of the Bay Bridge span across San Francisco Bay.

One of the many features of the fair was General Electricís operating shortwave station W6XBE. The station was licensed to operate with 20 kW on 9,530 and 15,330 kc, and broadcast regular programs to Europe and South America from the Electricity and Communications Building.

GE operated two more shortwave stations in Schenectady at a time when there were just a handful of international shortwave stations on the air in the country, all in private hands and operating under experimental FCC licenses with ham-style call signs. The government issued standard four-letter call signs to all shortwave stations late in 1939, and so W6XBE became KGEI.

GE hired chorus girls from the Folies BergËre and held a call-sign changing ceremony at the fair.

When the fair concluded in 1940, KGEI was moved to property adjoining the KPO (now KNBR) transmitter site on the Redwood Peninsula near Belmont and the power was increased to 50 kW. At the start of World War II, the government took over all international shortwave stations to form the Voice of America, and it was KGEIís transmitters that beamed General Douglas Macarthurís ìI will returnî message to the Philippines.

Control of the station was returned to General Electric after the war; GE operated it for many years before selling it to Far East Broadcasting Company in 1959. FEBC continued to operate KGEI as one of the few private shortwave stations in the country until 1995.

In the photo at http://www.radioworld.com/article/111954 we can see

the W6XBE transmitter and control room. Spanish-speaking announcer Carlos U. Benedetti is on the air, broadcasting a program to South America. The original transmitter seen in this photo was still operational as a standby transmitter when the station signed off for the last time in 1995.

For more information about KGEI, see Jim Bowmanís history of the station at http://users.adams.net/~jfs/kgei.htm

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** U S A. WSM RADIO TOWER CONSIDERED FOR NATIONAL REGISTER

Tower Created In 1925 [caption, poor photo of the Blaw-Knox]

NASHVILLE, Tenn. -- The WSM radio tower, a landmark on Concord Road in Brentwood, will be considered for addition to the National Register of Historic Places, state officials said.

The tower was created in 1925 with help from then-WSM engineer Jack DeWitt. After World War II, DeWitt became the president of WSM and led the company to the creation of its first television station, WSMV Channel 4. The tower first broadcast "The Grand Ole Opry" in the 1932, according to state officials.

A state review board will examine the tower and at least half a dozen other nominations at 9 a.m. Jan. 19 at the Tennessee Historical Commission offices, 2941 Lebanon Road. (from http://www.wsmv.com/news/26452635/detail.html via Brock Whaley, DXLD)

** U S A. KUOM-770 still on day power --- 770, KUOM, MN, Minneapolis - 1/16 1800-1828 ELT [2300-2328 UT] Very good, crushing WABC at times with mix of electronica, house music, and alternative rock from what sounds like mostly indie label artists. Several "Radio K" slogan IDs from a male DJ throughout and a weather forecast at 1828 that mentioned "11 degrees" and "the University of Minnesota". Forgot to power down, they did (Rick Dau, South Omaha, NE, Sony ICF-2010 + Quantum Loop, Jan 16, ABDX via DXLD)

A bit more serious than that; they're a Daytimer. If you heard them after sunset, that goes beyond the pale, tho I don't hear them now. Regards, (Mark Durenberger, NRC-AM via DXLD)

And so they are. Interesting -- I would think that, as a student-run station, they might ponder the possibility of providing 24 hour

service, much like Boulder, Colorado's KVCU-1190. Nothing like indie rock to fuel a 3 a.m. cram session for a final. And, yes, that DOES happen, because I did it back in the day. :) 73, (Rick Dau (University of Iowa, 1985-88), South Omaha, NE, NRC-AM via DXLD)

They do have 24 hour service via 2 translators and a Class D Share time FM (Paul B Walker, Jr., ibid.)

They do provide 24-hour service ---on FM, where they worked out a deal a few years back to get a new 10-watt class D signal licensed. How can you do that, 30 years after the FCC stopped issuing new 10-watters? By sharing time - there was a high school station in a Minneapolis suburb (KDXL 106.7 St. Louis Park) that was operating only a few hours a day. The new KUOM-FM occupied the rest of the airtime, and has since been augmented by two fairly high-powered translators that operate 24/7 with decent signals over both Minneapolis and St. Paul. The AM is now something of an afterthought. s (Scott Fybush, NY, ibid.)

KUOM also used to be a time-sharer on the AM band. Until about 20 years ago, they shared their day on 770 with WCAL, broadcasting from St. Olaf College in Northfield (Steve Francis, Alcoa, Tennessee, ibid.)

I remember that, Steve. WCAL would sign on at LSR and stay on until 1030 CLT, when they would yield the frequency to KUOM for the rest of the day. I think KUOM was an NPR station back then -- I know for sure that WCAL was. Not sure when the U. of Minnesota let the students start running KUOM. 73, (Rick Dau, South Omaha, NE, ibid.)

** U S A. WTOR-770 open carrier --- Birach's WTOR-770 Youngstown, NY (brokered ethnic for Toronto market) are running open carrier all night again, causing interference to WABC. They're a repeat offender. If there is anyone on this list who has connections with Birach Broadcasting or WABC, please e-mail WTOR and tell them to stop, as it is illegal for a daytimer to run open carrier after sign-off. Yes, I listen to Imus in the Morning. 73 (Mike Brooker, Toronto, ON, 17 Jan, NRC-AM via DXLD)

Mike, If it's consistent, I'll do what I did last time and go down the hall to tell the CE (Bob Galerstein WB2VGD, Monroe, NY, ibid.)

I've passed word to some Engineering folks in New York City who have said they'd let the CE, Alex Roman, at WABC know it's happening again. (Paul Walker, IL, ibid.)

** U S A. 1360, Jan 18 at 1330 UT, ``La Poderosa 13-60``, 7 y media timecheck, hi today 52, plus extended forecast. Ergo it`s not in MÈxico, but could not detect any other meteorological clues. 1334

traffic report concerning Grapevine, Fort Worth, so it`s KMNY Hurst TX (studio address: Dallas), which is indeed powerful, having managed to attain 50 kW on what used to be considered a regional 5-kW-limit channel, but highly direxional. On the FRG-7 with longwire E-W, badly oriented for this, but stayed atop the jumble for a while. NRC AM Log shows format as Spanish religion, but none such heard while I listened, a welcome weatherly respite (Glenn Hauser, Enid OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1370, as I tune across Jan 18 at 0640 UT on the portable DX-398, ID as ``This is KSEN(?) Country``, loops north/south. The only thing that resembles phonetically in the 2010-2011 NRC AM Log is: KSUM, Fairmont MN, which is indeed C&W format, 1000/1000 U4. And the NRC Pattern Book shows day and night patterns` major lobe is NNE, minor lobe opposite (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. 1520, KOKC, OKC with farightwingnut Michael Savage, UT Jan 14 at 0312 has severe QRM making SAH of circa 10 Hz from a stupidballgame, 4th quarter of basketball, ergo NBA instead of NCAA (I am not supposed to know this; a friend explained it) including ``charge`` brass music punxuations; tuning down to 1500, I hear the same game on KSTP, which is fulltime ESPN now.

So what`s ESPN on 1520? Per the NRC-AM log, the only nighttimer is KOLM Rochester MN, ``The Ticket`` (how original), 10 kW day and critical hours, 800 watts night. It`s also with CNN and the Minnesota News Network. Night pattern is supposed to aim NNE, rather than non-direxional day, but from this reception I would say they were really running 10 kW ND, if really KOLM. The only other ESPN listed on 1520 is a 1300-watt daytimer, KMSR in Mayville ND. The station-finder at http://www.espnradio.com makes you search thru each state individually; no thanx, except MN and ND to confirm these three. Of course, a particular SBG could be on non-fulltime affiliates, and I heard no ESPN ID really.

{I should explain that at this angle from OKC, we don`t get the full brunt of KOKC`s direxional nighttime signal protecting Buffalo, but is still usually dominant, and subject to sky/groundwave phase cancellation}, besides CCI (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. KRZA, 88.7, Alamosa CO-Taos NM, heard on webcast, as I often listen for the features at 1530 UT weekdays --- Jan 14 at 1540 instead of something about northern NM/southern CO, there is a scratchy lo-fi old-time radio show complete with commercials for Raleigh cigarettes, and Sir Walter Raleigh pipe tobacco! It`s a sitcom before an extremely amused audience, starring someone with a funny voice I do not recognize, revealed at 1559 closing as Red Skelton, on NBC, bong-bong-bong. Did not sound much like the R.S. I remember from his later TV

show, but the visuals helped to ID him immediately, God-bless.

ID and right into NPR news joining slightly late, no explanation of why this program was on instead of scheduled ``Arts, Culture and Call-ins,`` Fridays 8:10-9 am MST, per
http://www.krza.org/programschedule.htm
which does not go into any more detail than the above, altho we have some more specific topix from previous schedules preserved in
http://www.worldofradio.com/calendar.html
Once upon a time the alternating Friday features were:
EAGLE WATCH/WOMENSPEAK/CROSSTALK/CONVERSATIONS IN ART

On occasion the last few weeks, KRZA`s Live365 webcast has been down
(Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WHACK JOB KELS-FM OWNER'S CONCEALED WEAPONS PERMIT REVOKED
http://www.brian-blackwell.com/2011/01/whack-job-kels-fm-owners-concealed.html

A Greeley, Colo., radio station owner who has been broadcasting an anti-Martin Luther King Jr. message and was served with a temporary restraining order has lost his permit to carry a concealed weapon after he threatened a rival radio station owner.

Brett Reese left a voice-mail message for KFKA-AM 1310 owner Justin Sasso on Wednesday in which he threatened a "shootout" if Sasso did not stop his advertising reps from calling on businesses that underwrite Reese's noncommercial station, KELS-FM 104.7, the complaint said.

Brett Reese at the controls of his radio station in Greeley, Colorado [caption]

Brett Reese, who has been airing an editorial four times a day on his station KELS-FM denouncing slain civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. as a degenerate embezzler, a "plastic god" and "an America-hating communist," is also facing retribution from the school board on which he serves.

The Mountain States Anti-Defamation League has asked Reese to stop broadcasting the editorial, which contains statements that appear verbatim on a website with links to a white supremacist group.

The Denver Post reported Sunday that Reese's concealed carry permit was revoked by the Weld County Sheriff.

Reese reportedly said he was receiving threats for airing the editorial and wanted to carry his gun to school board meetings for protection. But the Greeley-Evans school board, which passed a

resolution denouncing the editorial as "inflammatory and detrimental to our district and community," plans to prevent that.

Reese is unapologetic about his anti-Martin Luther King Jr. ads.

"Facts are facts, truth is truth," he said, adding that he might pre-empt other programing to air the editorial round the clock.

The 40-year-old former carpenter claims he helped build houses for Habitat for Humanity in the Mississippi Delta and once dated an African American woman. He insists he's not racist.

Mayor Tom Norton, a former state legislator, said Reese's views don't represent Greeley, which holds an annual MLK Day March and celebration.

"I find it difficult to figure out where he's coming from," Norton said.

Reese, a member of the Greeley-Evans 6 school board, has for three years aired a recording of a letter that calls Martin Luther King Jr. a sexual degenerate, an anti-American communist and an embezzler. He plays the recording in advance of the MLK holiday.

Critics, including other members of the school board, have said the letter was originally written by white supremacists.

A statement from KFKA said Reese's letter has been reviewed multiple times by historians, who have labeled it, at best, "full of 'half truths.' "

Reese said he will begin carrying his gun during school board meetings because he's been threatened for his King commentary.

Reese said some advertisers have departed the low-power FM station, which he has owned since 2000, over the editorial. But he said he is financially able to survive indefinitely without sponsors.

He said he's received death threats.

Reese is an elected member of the Greeley-Evans School District 6 board since 2009. The Greeley Tribune began writing about the radio editorial earlier this month.

Reese had aired the editorial, which he said was sent to the station in an anonymous letter, in relative obscurity for the past three Januarys.

Greeley, about 60 miles north of Denver, is nestled in the center of mostly agricultural Weld County and has a large meatpacking plant, JBS Swift & Co., which was hit in a 2006 federal raid targeting illegal immigrant workers.

"It's a very conservative town," said Ceta Mercadal, 21, a sociology and Africana studies major at the University of Northern Colorado, who grew up in New Orleans and is African American. "When I first got here, I felt like I was one of a kind."

Many of the claims in Reese's editorial were spun out of FBI efforts in the 1960's to discredit King, including charges of marital infidelities.

A judge issued a restraining order against Reese over threats he made to a rival radio station about would-be advertisers. A court hearing is scheduled for Jan. 21.

Reese said a message he left at the rival station about "having a shootout" over sponsors was misinterpreted.

Bryan Wright, the only African American principal in the district, sees a learning experience for students in the editorial slamming King.

"To assume somebody is perfect because they're famous is misleading," Wright said. "What makes us special is that we're allowed to do something great despite our shortcomings."

(The Blackwell Brief, Criminal Headline News; Justice Themed Blog --- A blog covering crime, the law, and the criminal justice system with an occasional report on politics. By Detective D. Brian Blackwell, Monday, January 17, 2011 via DXLD)

KELS-LP (NOT -FM), is the one calling itself ``Pirate Radio 104.7 FM``, http://www.pirate1047.com/ --- I don`t find the link to a white supremacist group there now, nor on its Facebook: http://www.facebook.com/pages/Pirate-Radio-KELS-LP-Greeley-CO-1047FM/127158307479 nor anything about MLK, but Laporte is not far away (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. The following thread resulted from posting of a news story about how happy a certain Florida station was to have finally got Rush Limbaugh onto its schedule, the tone of which and subsequent discussion seemed to me not apolitical (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I fully encourage other's opinions - this is how we learn, by having

open ears and open heart. It is very very difficult to offend me. If everyone had the same opinion of every topic this would be a very boring world. 73, and Gud DX, (Ron Gitschier, Palm Coast, FL, ABDX via DXLD)

Hi Ron, I`ve been biting my tongue on this thread, but with such encouragement I unbite:

In my opinion, it is unconscionable for so many AM stations to load up most of their schedules with far-right wing-nuts spewing nothing but hate and lies -- even if they throw a few crumbs to the other side. It`s nowhere near fair, and does a disservice to the community and the nation. 73, (Glenn Hauser, OK, ibid.)

I cheer you on. Satellite, a line-up of TALK SHOW HOSTS, and local programming seems GONE. Can't get into politics BUT many of these talk hosts spew out fiction and the name of the game is ratings. The more excited you get people the better the ratings (whether true or false). Can you guess the daily subject? All negative. Nothing positive.

There is a 1220 in Cleveland that has a preacher that uses bible verses for the daily subject. Most is total fiction (facts outside of bible verses). It goes as far as recommending overthrow of the government, stockpiling of weapons and elimination of the present administration (through violent overthrow/death).

I don't know a country on earth that would permit such except the USA. As far as local radio station wanting to air Rush Limbaugh and ? maybe their audience desires such ?? Get them excited (terribly wet, ibid.)

Let me make this perfectly clear. Politics are not permitted and Glenn you are FAR out of line. This subject is closed. Those who want to cross the line invite moderation at the very least. DID I MAKE MYSELF CLEAR ON THIS??? (Powell E Way III, co moderator, ABDX via DXLD)

Glenn, I agree with you 100%, maybe even more, but have to say we and it includes me, have to keep politics off the list (Kevin Redding, Crump, TN, ABDX list owner, ibid.)

Glenn: I was just about ready to send in a post also to ABDX; then I saw your post, and Powell`s response. I do agree with your post 100% and I personally believe that we need to go back to 1972 when there was seemingly POLITICAL access from all sides.

I don't know if we will ever see an end to Conservative Talk Radio within our lifetimes, and it may take more than 5 years, possibly up to 10 years before we can see "Change that we can live with" in local radio.

I remember listening to my semi-local KURV-710 in the mornings 15 years ago when the morning would start off with the Morning FARM SHOW and AG report at 5 am, and then news and talk 6 to 10 am which was neither RIGHT nor LEFT wing. There was also a talk show 5-7 pm with locally produced features.

In the last 5 years KURV brought in BECK at 5 pm and a local guy they call "Colonel RAY" 4-6 pm (right after HANNITY). The morning show now consists of 3 hours of RIGHT WING DRIVEL with a Right Wing Hispanic nut-case Sergio S·nchez who seems to represent the stations' views, from what I am told.

I for one, am tired of this DRIVEL, and would love to see different locally produced shows that give access to each side. If they must keep RUSH and HANNITY, at least get rid of BECK and the right wing NUTS that supposedly represent what we are all about.

Just throwing in my two cents; you are welcome to use this in DXLD if you wish (Steven Wiseblood, Harlingen TEXAS, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Re 11-01, this was added after the first edition:

{As early in the story, they do not share `a` frequency but two frequencies, so what`s the problem?? And who cares what the calls are? FM Atlas XXI has nothing in the Ohio LPFM sexion under Bexley, but does show Columbus with two 6-watters on *102.1, WCRS-LP and WCRX-LP! Rather than hunt for a 98.3 under some other unfamiliar suburb, to FCC FM Query: but of the six licensed stations in Ohio on 98.3, which includes LPFM and translators, none of them are near Columbus, Franklin County, as quickly checked in the index of my Rand-McNally, nor do any of them have similar calls to the 102.1 pair. So what?? Then to Google. First hit for Bexley PR which is mainly about their limited program schedule last years, at one point says ``Bexley Public Radio WCRX-LP 102.1 FM (simulcast on 98.3 FM)`` without explanation. Also see http://www.shortnorth.com/WCRSRadio.html
There are lots more stories about this by Googling, but nothing found yet to explain where and what the 98.3 signal is (gh)}

Glenn, As far as WCRS-LP and WCRX-LP goes, only WCRS-LP uses the translator. They are the only station authorized to use it (Artie Bigley, Columbus OH, Jan 14, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Low-power radio stations reach deal on broadcast hours --- Groups in Columbus, Bexley share frequency --- Monday, January 17, 2011 12:30 PM By Elizabeth Gibson The Columbus Dispatch

After a lengthy struggle over who could broadcast when, low-power, community radio stations in Columbus and Bexley reached an agreement today. . .
http://www.dispatch.com/live/content/local_news/stories/2011/01/17/low-power-radio-deal.html?sid=101
(via Artie Bigley, OH, DXLD) Bottom line: one runs 3 am-3 pm, the other 3 pm to 3 am ET (gh)

** U S A. OPINIONS REQUESTED ON DOCUMENTING STATION SWAPS

I'm playing with radio station history again and I'm doing battle with myself about how to document station swaps. I'll give two examples.

Example #1: A few years back, KLOC/920/Ceres CA format moved to KVIN/1390/Turlock CA, and the KVIN format moved over to KLOC. The call letters swapped with the format change. From a listener's perspective, that is a frequency change and the city change is transparent to the listener.

From the FCC perspective, its two call letter changes for two separate facilities and who cares about the formats.

Example #2: Recently, KERN/1410/Bakersfield CA swapped formats and call letters with KERI/1180/Wasco CA. As with example #1, the listener finds their favorite station on a new frequency, and the city change is transparent. The FCC sees it as two call letter changes for two facilities.

I'm on the fence and looking for opinions on how this should be properly documented (Mike Hawkins, Jan 18, IRCA via DXLD)

There's really no difference between those examples from the FCC's point of view.

Let me back up a little: when the FCC implemented its current database system (CDBS, "Consolidated Database System") in the 90s, it moved away from using callsigns as the primary internal identifier for each station. Instead, they assign each station a unique "facility ID number."

So to the FCC, 1410 in Bakersfield is "6640" and 1180 in Wasco is "35899," and all that happened, as you correctly note, was that 6640 changed calls from KERN to KERI and 1180 changed calls from KERI to KERN. However it was promoted to listeners - "KERN Newsradio is moving to 1180!" - is of no interest to the FCC.

Having said that, then, the guidance I'd offer is to treat call swaps like this no differently from the way you'd handle any other call

change. If you'd have counted a new logging if 1410 had changed calls from KERN to KQPX, then you should also count it as new if you logged them after changing from KERN to KERI. But if you don't count a garden-variety call change as a new logging, there's no reason to treat these swaps as new loggings.

(Given the rapidity with which callsigns change these days, and the fact that a call change by itself makes no difference in a station's DXability, I am not in favor of counting call changes as new loggings, period, but that's a separate discussion.)

As for the larger question of what *should* then constitute a new logging, there's now a huge amount of information available for the DXer interested in learning the specific details of a station change. A generation ago (heck, even a decade and change ago), you pretty much had to go to the FCC in Washington to see the files that contained stations' engineering applications. Today, those details are as close as the FCC's own website (or a bunch of others, like the excellent and free FCCInfo.com, that present it in a more understandable form.)

So the technology and data exist (at least for US and Canadian stations) for us to slice and dice the definition of "new logging" however we'd like. Many of us maintain "home" DX logs that contain only loggings made within 25 miles of our QTH. One could do the same with transmitter sites: if a station moves more than 25 miles, consider it a new logging. (That would handle the "what to do with KTRB" question neatly.)

Or, with a bit of more sophisticated data management, one *could* say that any change made by a station that would alter its predicted signal strength at your QTH by more than some determined number (+/- 3 dB? 6 dB? 10 dB?) would be considered a new logging.

But this is a hobby, after all, not a science. I *have* to track all these FCC changes because it's my job. I wouldn't want to do it as a hobby; life is too short, at least from where I sit. The point I'm making here is simply that it's probably worth having this discussion in greater depth at some point, given how much information is available to us *if* we want to avail ourselves of it. s (Scott Fybush, Rochester NY, ibid.)

Scott, I used your reply as a reference here because it addresses two things. First is that FCC's website has so little information on it that is accessible outside the FCC that its rather useless. Tracking applications always results in "major change", "minor change", STA or license. I have not been able to view an authorization for many moons. There is little if any correspondence, and legal action is rare. Even asking FCC people about how to find info, the response has been that

the site isn't designed to give much to people outside. If you can point me to a way to get meaningful info from their website, I'm all ears. Its obvious that their website frustrates me.

Second is that I asked the question from the perspective of documenting radio history without any regard for logging of stations. DXers would be interested in history to varying degrees, but the perspective may be radically different. The two examples I gave - as well as the one Mike Sanburn mentioned - really highlight two different perspectives --- the listener noticing two frequency changes, and the FCC noting two call changes. Please note that I am not at all dismissing the DXer point of view (and obviously welcome that point of view since I asked the question here), but I am trying to consider as many different perspectives as possible, as long as they hold water (Mike Hawkins, ibid.)

Two things here:

First, the FCC will soon be abandoning the CDBS database in favor of a new, more versatile database system that's being billed as having more direct public access. So much of what I'm about to explain will soon be obsolete.

That said: there's actually lots of information accessible there. You just have to know where to look. Here are a few basic tips; I'm happy to go into greater detail either on- or off-list if there's interest.

I find the quickest way into CDBS is through FCCInfo.com. It's a privately-operated site, and it's free. The basic searches are right at the top of the front page: search by callsign, COL, distance from a given community or set of coordinates, FCC facility ID number, etc.

KTRB offers a good example. Plug those calls into the "callsign" search box, be sure you've checked the "AM" radio button to the left, and be sure you've checked the "Include Archive Records" box beneath the callsign.

What comes up is this (watch for word wrap):

http://fccinfo.com/CMDProFacLookup.php?
sCurrentService=AM&calls=ktrb&ArchiveRecords=Y&tabSearchType=Call+Sign+Search

There's a lot of chaff here, but also a lot of good information. Ignore all the "0 kW" power entries for now - they represent FCC records with no engineering data attached. Ignore anything with a blank space or "App" in the "Status" column on the left.

What matters to us are actual license records and construction permit

records --- and here's what turns up: there's a set of license records for the old Modesto facility, with 50 kW days and 10 kW nights. We know that's no longer active, because it shows up as an archived record. Then we see another set of licenses for the former 50/50 San Francisco-licensed facility. Those show up as "archive records," too...but we can get at the engineering data for those, or for the Modesto facility, by clicking on the callsign for each entry.

Then we have the current license. Unless the database records are screwy (and occasionally they are), there should only be one active set of "license" records for any given station. Click on those and we learn more about the current KTRB 50/50 facility - location (with a link to a Google map), tower layout, directional pattern and more.

This page also gives us a link called "Other KTRB Applications," which returns us to the FCC's own website, to the "Application Search Page" that can also be accessed directly from the FCC's AM Query:

http://licensing.fcc.gov/cgi-bin/ws.exe/prod/cdbs/pubacc/prod/app_list.pl?Facility_id=66246

This page links us to all the applications that are in CDBS; generally, that will include at least some information about anything filed after 1978, though detailed electronic applications only exist from the last decade or so.

If the application was filed electronically (look for the "E" in the "Paper/Elect" column), you can see it by clicking the "application" list.

Which brings us to the complex system of prefixes the FCC uses for apps. The ones that matter to us as DXers are BL-, which indicates an AM station's application for a license, BP-, an application for a construction permit, BMP-, an app to modify an existing construction permit, BMJP-, an application for a major modification (change COL, change frequency more than 30 kHz) and BSTA/BLSTA-, an application for special temporary authority.

What you get when you click on the application link is the application itself, which often includes a full engineering narrative that explains in detail what the application intends to do. A good example is in the KTRB app to move from Modesto to San Francisco, which appears on the application list as BMJP-20020910AAB. The first part of the application consists of a bunch of form entries that are filled out by the applicant, but the meat is in the attachments. Keep scrolling down to the section marked "exhibits," and here's your meat - a link marked "ENGINEERING STATEMENT."

That brings up this:

https://licensing.fcc.gov/cdbs/CDBS_Attachment/getattachment.jsp?appn=100662136&qnum=5110&copynum=1&exhcnum=1

which in turn tells us this:

"The application appended to this Statement proposes relocation of the transmitting site of AM Radio Station KTRB, pursuant to Commission Decision (Reference 1800B3-TSN, copy attached), which authorizes reassignment of community of license from Modesto, California to San Francisco, California.

The transmitting site proposed herein is on Jersey Island within the delta region of the San JoaquÌn River. From this site predicted signal strength over all the City of San Francisco will exceed the required level of 5 mV/m day and 11.01 at night. Separate directional radiation patterns are proposed for day and night. As proposed, the day operation will not cause interference to nor receive interference from any other existing station or proposals now before the Commission.

Nighttime operation will not increase interference to any other station beyond presently existing values. The interference-free contour from the re-located site is slightly lower than interference-free service from the presently licensed KTRB Modesto operation."

In KTRB's case, the proposal ended up being massively modified before the station went on the air, so you have to keep reading through a bunch of modified CPs to learn that the plan changed to dual-site operation (daytime at Jersey Island/nighttime in the hills above the Sunol Grade), then to single-site operation at the Sunol site, then back to dual-site operation with daytime at the KFAX site in Hayward and nighttime at Sunol.

This one is an unusually complex application; most stations have a much shorter trail of applications, CPs and licenses that's easier to follow.

So --- the information is indeed there, if not always in the most accessible form.

I'm passionate about documenting radio history, too, of course - and to that end I'd suggest another really useful resource.

David Gleason has done the radio community a tremendous favor by acquiring and scanning a nearly complete run of Broadcasting Yearbooks, White's Logs, RADEXes and much more, which he's sharing

with the world - for free - at http://americanbroadcastinghistory.com
It's a great way to track information that predates what's now in
CDBS, and I use it constantly. s (Scott Fybush, ibid.)

** URUGUAY. 3080 (harmonic), R. Patria, Treinta y Tres. (2 x 1540),
0304-0335. Relaying CORI network which carries a 30' news bulletin via
CX20 R Montecarlo, Montevideo. At its end followed by ad string from
local advertisers, like "MueblerÌa Suiza". ID and announcing a new
four digit telephone for listeners` feedback. QRK 4. Jan 18 (Horacio
A. Nigro, Valizas 2011 DX Summer Vacation, from sunny Beach of
Valizas, Dept. of Rocha, (300 km E of Montevideo, Atlantic coast of
Uruguay), Jan 18, Kenwood R600, longwire 100 m long "on bush" towards
Europe, unterminated, dxldyg via WORLD OF RADIO 1548, DX LISTENING
DIGEST)

** URUGUAY. Re 11-02, Emisora uruguaya en 6678 --- Gente: El s·bado
entraba en Mendoza, con bastate buena seÒal, esta emisora con m˙sica
moderna variada y anuncios sobre las 2300 UT. Saludos (Miguel
Castellino, Mendoza, Argentina, Jan 14, condiglist yg via DXLD)

Evidently active weekends only; widely heard in deep SAm, but low
powered and not yet reported from NAm; perhaps the frequency is wide
open for it in our evenings (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

(Pirate), 6678, Web Radio Infoideas, JosÈ Pedro Varela, Dept of
Lavalleja. This is a new unofficial radio station from Uruguay (not
many in the Uruguayan radio history), running in AM mode, with 25 W
nominal (effective 10 W considering current SWR value, feeding an
inverted "V" dipole. Sked: 1900-2400v. So far has been reported in
Argentina (BA, Mar del Plata, Rosario, including down to the southern
Patagonian NeuquÈn Province), Chile and Uruguay.
Email: ideasfm @ gmail.com. Relays a Web Radio streaming from:
http://www.raddios.com/foro1.php?radio=infoideasweb

Station webpage is:
http://infoideasweb10.blogspot.com/
http://3.bp.blogspot.com/__v1AxIoj-_w/TASbiYFLAUI/AAAAAAAADvE/XO9u1mgFVD8/S1600-R/
infoideasweb.png
73 (Horacio A. Nigro, Montevideo, Uruguay Jan 9, dxldyg via DX
LISTENING DIGEST 11-02 via WORLD OF RADIO 1548 via DXLD 11-03)

** VANUATU. 7260, R. Vanuatu, Port Vila. January 14, 0820-0830 Pacific
music, female talks in an uncertain language, outside talks, back to
pop music. 23322 (L˙cio Ot·vio Bobrowiec, Embu SP Brasil, SW40 -
Dipoles and Longwire, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) See NEW ZEALAND

** VATICAN. 4003.90, 1809 3 Dec, Vatican Radio, unID language, ID, IS,
SIO 333 (David Morris, Lytchett Matravers, Dorset, UK, Yaesu FRG100,

100` LW, VW car radio, Jan BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

4005.1, 1920 29 Dec, VR, SMG, IS, ID, German, SIO 444 (Tony Rogers, Birmingham UK, AOR 7030+/LW, Eton E1/AOR LA380 loop, ibid.)

4005, 2247 13 Oct, VR, YL host with speech from OM, English, bad audio, SIO 333 (Martin Cowin, Kirkby Stephen, Cumbria, UK, Roberts R881, ibid.)

Indicates considerable variation in this frequency. As in Aoki, is 10 kW transmitter inside Vatican proper, at 12 27E, 41 54N, NOT SMG. Mostly aimed 340 degrees, except 10 degrees before 0500. At 1810 it goes from Croatian to Hungarian, B-10 (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Now it`s clear why I had not noticed Vatican [non non] on 4005 lately as I did last night: Jan 14 at 0558 the frequency is blocked by RTTY (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST) See also ALBANIA

[and non] 17895, Radio Vaticana heard in English under BSKSA Holy Qur`an service on this new frequency Jan. 15 0740, at 0745 Arabic program, covered by the Saudi Qur`an recitation. BSKSA close down at 0800 and Radio Vaticana at 0805 after giving interval signal. Why this frequency choice, presumably a move from 15595 kHz? This could perhaps lead to religious/political implications! I wonder if BSKSA is operating without obtaining frequency allocations. In that case Vatican Radio is in the clear (Ullmar Qvick, Sweden, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

No, Saudi is duly registered with HFCC, 03-08 on 17895. Can`t imagine why Vatican would go there, not a frequency they ever use. Will it be there next days? (gh, DXLD) Continued under SAUDI

** VENEZUELA. °Hola Glenn! Saludos desde Catia La Mar, VENEZUELA. La presente es para desearte a ti y al resto de los colegas de DXLD, un 2011 colmado de salud, sabidurÌa, prosperidad y mucho DX. Con este correo-e te mando un ensayo que escribÌ sobre algunos errores cometidos por la prensa local en relaciÛn con medios de comunicaciÛn.

73s y excelente DX, (Ad·n Gonz·lez, Catia La Mar, Estado Vargas, VENEZUELA, DX LISTENING DIGEST) Viz.:

ALGUNOS PERIODISTAS DE ´LTIMAS NOTICIAS SIGUEN "PONIENDO LA TORTA": Por: Adan Gonzalez Liendo, Fecha de publicaciÛn: 16/01/11

De la mano de su director, el Licenciado Eleazar DÌaz Rangel, ´ltimas Noticias se ha ubicado como el periÛdico de m·s circulaciÛn en Venezuela y, en consecuencia, uno de los matutinos de obligada

referencia en la actualidad criolla. Sin embargo, en ocasiones anteriores hemos puesto en evidencia la actitud nada profesional de algunos reporteros (o articulistas) de ´ltimas Noticias y esta vez no ser· la excepciÛn. Conviene llamar la atenciÛn acerca de dos textos aparecidos a finales de diciembre y principios de enero, en los cuales se demuestra una falta de rigurosidad investigativa vergonzante. . . http://aporrea.org/medios/a115818.html
(via DXLD)

** VENEZUELA. VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT STOPS TV SOAP OPERA | Text of report by Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty website on 16 January

In Venezuela, a private television station has stopped broadcasting a Colombian-produced soap opera after government authorities demanded its removal, alleging it was insulting to Venezuela as a country.

The show, called "Chepe Fortuna," includes as a character an unscrupulous secretary called Venezuela, who has a dog named "Little Hugo" -- an apparent reference, some have alleged, to Venezuela's President Hugo Ch·vez. Ch·vez denounced the show on 15 January, saying it was "horrible" and disrespectful to Venezuela.

The private TV channel Televen has stopped broadcasting the show after government regulators accused it of promoting "political intolerance" and demanded it be pulled from the airwaves. The station has offered no public comment on its decision. Source: Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty website, Washington, D.C., in English 16 Jan 11 (via BBCM via DXLD) L`Ètat, c`est lui (gh, DXLD)

** VENEZUELA [non]. No-show again from El Hugazo; despite RHC as always shifting to Sunday-only frequencies, 17750, 13750, 15370, these were // RHC itself at 1639 check including 6140, 11730, 13680. 11730 was an echo apart from 13750 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** VIETNAM [non]. Anyone know what I've been hearing off and on between 0100-0200 UT, on 6175, a station playing the same sad instrumental piece with guitar and violin. it just repeats the same song over and over. I hear it again tonight.

Glenn H. has reported in the past a music loop used by Sackville, but at a later hour. Didn`t think this has signal level for them, but I suppose that's possible. 73 & good listening (Rick in El Mirage AZ Barton, ABDX via DXLD)

Rick, Yes, it must be Sackville, having lost the feed from Voice of Vietnam, which normally runs 0100-0530 UT. The Babcock music fill also appears for a few minutes between languages, and at the very end just before 0530. 73, (Glenn Hauser, ibid.)

** WALES. 756 kHz, 0940 17 Dec, Magic 756, Newtown, ``When a Child is Born``, SIO 333 (Scott Caldwell, Padgate, Cheshire, UK, Sangean ATS909, Eton E1 / DX10, 20m wire, Wellbrook Loop, LA 1530, Jan BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD) 600 watts per WRTH 2011 (gh)

756, 1200 28 Dec, R. Hafren, Newtown. New owners for former R. Maldwyn. News followed by Steve Edge with ID and ``... new station for Mid-Wales``, SIO 444 (Nick Rank, Buxton UK, Sony SRF-59, wire fence aerials, ibid.)

756, 1305 28 Dec, R. Hafren, Newtown, pop music, ID, SIO 343 (Tony Rogers, Birmingham UK, AOR 7030+/LW, Eton E1/AOR LA380 loop, ibid.)

** WESTERN SAHARA [non]. ALGERIA, 6297.19, R. Nacional de la RASD, 1952, Arabic, fair with talk by a man. In the clear today but have heard jamming on prior attempts. Jan 8 (David Sharp, NSW: NRD-535D, FT-950, Sony 7600GR, Drake R8, Timewave 599zx and others, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ZAMBIA. 5915, ZNBC/R Zambia 1, heard at 1851, Jan 03, group singing in vernacular with percussion, but no backing instruments, later ñ radio drama, good (Graham Bell, Cape Town, South Africa, DSWCI DX Window Jan 12 via DXLD)

5915, Zambia Nat. B.C., Jan 12 1558-1620, 23332-22332, vernacular, Fish Eagle IS from 1558, drums, announce by man, talk and local music. 5915, Zambia Nat. B.C., Jan 13 1559-1608, 22432, vernacular, Fish Eagle IS from 1559, drums, announce by man, talk and local music (Kouji Hashimoto, Japan, Japan Premium Jan 14 via DXLD)

** ZAMBIA. Service will be restored ñ ZNBC
   ZNBC 15 January 2011
http://www.znbc.co.zm/media/news/viewnews.cgi?category=8&id=1295100450

Zambia National Broadcasting Corporation-ZNBC has assured Kapiri Mposhi residents, in the Central Province that work is on going to restore Radio 1 and 2 services.

Radio 1 and 2 channels have been off air since January 2 following lightening that struck off and destroyed Zamtel Equipment that carries the ZNBC Radio Signal.

Public Relations Officer Masuzyo Ndhlovu says following the impact of damage, there is a disruption of ZNBC 1 and 2 FM (Frequency Modulation) services in Kampiri Mposhi and Surrounding areas.

Public Relations Officer Masuzyo Ndhlovu however says frantic efforts

are being made by the technical team to ensure service is restored to normal within shortest possible time.

In a statement to ZNBC News in Lusaka on Saturday, Mr Ndhlovu has advised listeners to search for signals by tuning into the ZNBC Short Wave frequencies for Radio 1 on 5915 Kilo hertz and Radio 2 on 6165 Kilo Hertz.

Ends/ZNBC/ 15.01.11 13 hours (via Mike Terry, Jan 15, dxldyg via DXLD)

I believe this may have affected their online streams, as well. No sign of them recently (John Figliozzi, Halfmoon, NY, Sent from my iPod, ibid.) [shortly later:] Check that last statement of mine. I just tried ZNBC 1 via Tune-in app and it's there in glorious 16 kbps (Figliozzi, ibid.)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. 4895, 1750 27 Dec, Zimbabwe Community R, suddenly on at 1752:30, instrumental music, 1755 sign-on, unID language followed by English, ``Welcome; stay tuned``, ID, SIO 454 (David Morris, Lytchett Matravers, Dorset, UK, Yaesu FRG100, 100` LW, VW car radio, Jan BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

Pleased to see ZCR logged on 4895 for first time in ages. David said he saw it listed in `Broadcasts in English` so decided to sit on the frequency and was rewarded with the sign-on! Transmitter site is incorrect in BiE, should be me for Meyerton, SOUTH AFRICA, not md for Madagascar. Zicora is scheduled 1755-1855 daily in English, Ndebele and Shona. Sked on its website http://www.zicora.com shows English 1800-1815 weekdays, 1755-1815 weekends. On Sundays, the English programme scheduled is ``Digital Planet Tech Show` which I presume is the BBCWS programme of the same name?

To see all currently active stations from Africa, check Tony Rogers` 44 page `Africa on Shortwave` list at http://www.bdxc.org.uk (click on the Articles Index on the home page), which is regularly updated, the latest edition January 2011 (Alan Pennington, ed., ibid.)

** ZIMBABWE [non]. 9345, Voice of the People (via Madagascar?), 1835-1857*, Jan 04, vernacular, African song, ID 1849 ìRadio VOPî, ID 1851 ìVoice of the Peopleî, 34333 (Bernard Mille, Bailleul, France, DSWCI DX Window Jan 12 via DXLD)

Yes, via RNW Talata, 50 kW, 265 degrees, per HFCC (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. Re 11-02: EGYPT [?] 702 kHz, 2003 UT, UNID in Arabic, SINPO 45544. Mention of Abdilaziz, "Al Imaraat". I assume this was regional ERTU programming. 20 December, Bahir Dar (Robertas Pogorelis-UK monitoring from Ethiopia, dxld Jan 13)

Rather Duba Saudi Arabia, or even BBC Oman Arabic sce MW outlet, propagating across red sea water? (Wolfgang B¸schel, BC-DX Jan 16 via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. Re 11-02: I have two strange logs from 30 December from Arba Minch. First, at 1521 UT I received \\ music on 3310 kHz (SINPO 35444), 3320 kHz (SINPO 24322) and 3375 kHz, SINPO 25322 (Robertas Pogorelis-UK monitoring from Ethiopia, dxld Jan 13)

- The bare fact "3 txers in // on unregistered frequencies in the same band" fits to the behavior of not much more than two stations / countries in the world: Eritrea and China (jamming against ???) (Thorsten Hallmann, M¸nster, Germany, http://africalist.de.ms Jan 17, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

ETH MW Arba Minch 828 kHz 100 kW
05 59 46.74 N 37 32 25.15 E
<http://maps.google.de/maps?f=q&source=s_q&hl=de&geocode=&q=05%C2%B059%2746.74%22N+37%C2%B032%2725.15%22E&sll=51.151786,10.415039&sspn=19.808511,57.084961&ie=UTF8&ll=5.996404,37.540385&spn=0.001913,0.003484&t=h&z=19>

harmonic 4 x 828 kHz = 3312 kHz ... also on 1656, 6624 kHz? 3375 intermodulation ? (Wolfgang B¸schel, BC-DX Jan 16 via DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4800, shortly after sunrise in Enid, Jan 19 at 1348, a fluttery signal with some music vs CODAR; CNR Geermu or AIR Hyderabad? Also something on 4920, Chennai or Lhasa? Jim Young in California says you can isolate Lhasa by // 4905, but RTTY blox it until 1400. So I kept checking 4905, but today the RTTY kept going, at 1408, 1430, 1441, even 1503 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 4899.99, KOREAN, Female voice counting(?) from 1458 to 1502, gone at re-check at 1507. Back with same format at 1532-1537* 1/16/11 (Jim Young, Wrightwood, CA, IC-756ProIII + 40m yagi and antenna tuner, NASWA yg via DXLD)

IIRC, there have also been reports of (spy?) numbers in Korean on 6215 (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. Re 11-02: 5058 kHz, 1621, UNID in local language, SINPO 44544, later 34333. 30 December, Arba Minch. Probably a clandestine from Eritrea (Robertas Pogorelis monitoring from Ethiopia, dxld Jan 13)

Aoki list:
5060 VO OROMO LIBERATION 0400-0530 Tigrinya 10 ND Asmara ERI

1400-1630 English 10 ND Asmara ERI
(Wolfgang Bueschel, BC-DX Jan 16 via DXLD)

2.5 hours of English and 1.5 hours of Tigrinya? Find that hard to believe. Anyone hear this in English? Yes, that`s what Aoki shows (gh, DXLD)

5059.9, deadly dull - like - CW jamming "dit - dit - dit - da" tone jammer, over and over again, could be against ERI program?, noted at 0430 UT Jan 17, S=7-8 signal. 73 wb (Wolfgang B¸schel, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST) TADIL-A bonker? (gh, DXLD)

** UNIDENTIFIEDS. 6900-LSB/USB (Latin America) 2150+ January 16, 2010. OOB Spanish nets, one in LSB, another in USB (excellent frequency management and channel sharing, I might add). L-man leader frequently gave phonetics for unknown things like ACTATIC, ECHOMAX, and a full URL that I missed fully copying. One mention of Colombia and Arequipa. Both L-man and U-man had the same DTMF-ish key tones when closing the mike for a response.

Another net in LSB on 6776.5 at the same time, but keytone-free. Meanwhile, a gigantic AM (DSB) open carrier on 6719.6 past 2230 (Terry L Krueger, Clearwater, Florida USA, 27.55.83 N, 82.46.08 W, dxldyg via DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9340-SSB, Jan 14 at 1458, Spanish two way, Mexican accents, in conversation. Intruders, if you consider the 31m SWBC band extending this far (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 9779.5-SSB, 2-way intruders in Spanish, Mexican accent, Jan 19 at 1523 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 11577, 1211 18 Dec, YL and OM in Chinese? SIO 322 (David Gascoyne, Staplehurst, Kent, UK, AKD Target HF3/Datong AD370, Grundig YB400, 93 cm telescopic whip, Jan BDXC-UK Communication via DXLD)

11577 *VOICE OF TIBET 1200-1230 1234567 Chinese 100 131 Dushanbe-Yangiyul TJK 06848E 3829N VOTi b10 (Aoki) So it could be either VOT or ChiCom jamming (gh, DXLD)

UNIDENTIFIED. 12020, very distorted spur at 2310 Jan 15; could not match it to anything circa, such as WEWN, RHC, HCJB or 12025 DW German via Rwanda, from whose splash it was hard to separate and possibly the source (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15151.5-SSB, intruders, Jan 17 at 1432, 2-way colloquial Spanish contact fighting QRM from 15150, BBC Russian via Rampisham this hour only, M-F. A frequency heard several times before (Glenn

Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. 15210-, Jan 17 at 1430, het on the lo side of WYFR Portuguese. Previously reported by Eike Bierwirth, DXLD 11-02:

``9 Jan 2011, weak station, with some Asian language, religious? on approx. 15209.35 kHz, apparently fading out, first heard at 1455 UT, the sermon or whatever it is was not interrupted for the top of the hour. Doesn't sound like WYFR Portuguese/Spanish to me, that might be the carrier on 15210.0. 73, (Eike Bierwirth, Leipzig, Germany)``

A long shot, but I wonder if it could be this as in DXLD 11-01, on a scrambled frequency? ``Victor Goonetilleke says Family Radio is testing in English on 15120 via 35 kW Ekala, SRI LANKA at 1330-1630``. Since FR on 15120 has yet to be heard by me, or anyone? on 15120, just Saudi and Cuba before 15, Nigeria after (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

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UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIALS
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Glenn, thanks for another year of radio, TV, shortwave radio reporting. Contribution for 2011 (Fred Jodry, New Rochelle NY, with a PMO in the P-mail to Glenn Hauser, P O Box 1684, Enid OK 73702, WORLD OF RADIO 1548) [As Fred did, please make checks and MOs payable to Glenn Hauser rather than WOR or DXLD]

PUBLICATIONS
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LISTADO DE AM Y FM DE AM…RICA LATINA

EncontrÈ una encomiable y ambiciosa iniciativa en la p·gina http://www.radio-america-latina.org/radio-en-america-latina.html

La nueva emisora de Tigre en los 1700 Khz figura en esta lista en la secciÛn RegiÛn de Buenos Aires:
http://www.radio-america-latina.org/am/fm.php?itu=Argentina&region=ba

El trabajo est· incompleto y con algunos errores, por ejemplo, LW5 Radio Libertador, Gral. San MartÌn en 1230 Khz es de la Provincia de Jujuy, sin embargo figura en Formosa. Por tal motivo solicitan datos precisos para completar y corregir el listado. RGM (RubÈn Guillermo Margenet, Argentina, Jan 14, condiglist yg via DXLD)

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BBC ARCHIVE RADIO RECORDINGS

January 14, 2011 --- The BBC archives have a collection of radio recordings from the first half of the last century. Among them are

You Have Been Listening to a Recording Part 3 (1942)
Parts 1 and 2 do not appear to be in the BBC Archive
http://www.bbc.co.uk/archive/archive_pioneers/6504.shtml

Survivors of the Titanic
http://www.bbc.co.uk/archive/titanic/index.shtml

Prime Minister Winston Churchill
http://www.bbc.co.uk/archive/people/50/90.shtml

Lord Haw-Haw
http://www.bbc.co.uk/archive/hawhaw/

You can visit the BBC Archive at
http://www.bbc.co.uk/archive/

Twitter:: http://www.twitter.com/ArchiveAtBBC

(Southgate
http://www.southgatearc.org/news/january2011/bbc_archive.htm
via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

RADIO EQUIPMENT FORUM
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THE KING`S SPEECH

I want to see The King`s Speech badly. It's still at my local theater thankfully. Can't wait to see the old radios. ms (Mike Sanburn, IRCA via DXLD)

It's an excellent movie - the acting is splendid and the story is fascinating. I'm told that the scenes that feature what appears to be a BBC transmitting station, with long rows of racks full of meters and such, each topped with the name of an area of the British empire, is actually the historic Battersea power-generating station, and I rather doubt that the scene near the very beginning that purports to be inside a BBC studio looks much like a real studio - it's all marble walls, which would have made for one echoey broadcast.

But that's just nitpicking; there are indeed lots of nice vintage

radios to be seen! s (Scott Fybush, NY, IRCA via DXLD)

HIGH EFFICIENCY FURNACE RFI?

Forwarded from the Topband list. This can affect BC as well. Too bad the FCC by default allows this (Bob k2euh Foxworth, FL, Jan 15, ABDX via DXLD) viz.:

In the last few weeks a new strong variable frequency 100% duty cycle RFI source suddenly appeared on 160 meters, radiated from a home one mile southeast of my QTH 24 hours per day. The RFI peaks in the 160 meter band on variable frequencies mainly between 1801 and 1834 kHz. Yes, its the perfect RFI storm on 160 meters!

Its source is a home with a recently completed major addition. At my QTH the RFI affects only 160 meters and the AM broadcast band above 1600 kHz. If you place an AM receiver close to the home generating the RFI, the RFI extends only from 1270 kHz to 1970 kHz.

The RFI has amplitude peaks and valleys at 1801, 1804, 1818, 1823, 1827 and 1834 kHz; however, all of those RFI peaks are not present at the same time. The RFI abruptly switches among those frequencies a few times per minute, apparently caused by some sort of variable speed controller. If you listen to the RFI with the receiver in the AM mode, the RFI has a continuous AM modulation of approximately 1 Hertz.

All of the above -- especially the one mile distance from my QTH -- suggests that the source may be a new high efficiency heat pump with a variable speed motor controller.

While I can probably use my DX Engineering NCC-1 noise cancelling controller to completely null out this RFI source in every direction except SE, I would prefer to eliminate the RFI source entirely!

Has anyone else experienced this type of RFI? If so, have you been successful in resolving it? tks 73 (Frank, W3LPL, via Foxworth, ibid.)

POWERLINE COMMUNICATIONS
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New RSGB PLT letter, January 12, 2011

On January 6, the RSGB wrote to M Octavian Popescu, European Commission - DG Enterprise & Industry, regarding the problems caused by Power Line Telecommunications (PLT) devices operating below 30MHz.

Read the RSGB PLT letter at:
http://www.rsgb.org/emc/docs/pdf/M%20Octavian%20Popescu%2006012011.pdf

(Southgate http://www.southgatearc.org/news via Mike Terry, dxldyg via DXLD)

DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DRM See GERMANY [non]
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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- IBOC See OKLAHOMA: WWLS
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DIGITAL BROADCASTING --- DTV
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RCA Branded Portable Televisions - Standard and Mobile Digital TV
Some news from the Consumer Electronics Show:

RCA IS FIRST TO LAUNCH NEW LINE OF PORTABLE TELEVISION PRODUCTS FOR EASY RECEPTION OF BOTH STANDARD AND MOBILE DIGITAL TV BROADCASTS

New Mobile Pocket TV Hybrids Pick Up Dual Broadcast Signals While On-the-Go

Las Vegas, Nevada -- Jan 04, 2011 / http://www.myprgenie.com -- With nearly 70 TV broadcasters now transmitting Mobile Digital TV signals to viewers in markets throughout the country, RCA is launching a new line of portable digital television sets that have the capability of receiving both Mobile DTV and standard digital TV signals. Four new products for mobile consumers will soon be available, including 3.5" and 7" pocket televisions and an innovative automobile tuner for car infotainment systems.

The new sets and car tuner/receiver can be seen at the 2011 International CES at both the RCA exhibit in Central Hall (#13338) and at the "CES Unveiled" press preview later this afternoon starting at 4PM at the Venetian Hotel. Photography of the new RCA models is available at http://www.tinyurl.com/RCAPortableTV

Battery-operated portable TV sets virtually disappeared with the transition to all-digital broadcasting, and the new RCA products are the first to offer consumers the reception convenience of either regular or mobile broadcasts transmitted by local TV stations.

"Our new Portable TVs will be the first handheld hybrid television receivers in the U.S. market, and the new Mobile DTV functionality makes it possible for viewers to enjoy their favorite programs as well as local news, weather, and sports wherever they go. Whether watching on a train, in the backseat of a car, or just relaxing at home, RCA pocket TV sets will be ideal companions," said Chris Lee, Vice

President of Sales and Marketing for Digital Stream, the RCA licensee who is manufacturing and marketing the new products. "We are closely monitoring the rollout of Mobile DTV market by market, and we are working with retailers that are interested in bringing these new options to viewers," Lee said.

Mobile DTV is a new service now available from nearly 70 local TV broadcasters, and viewers can check local service availability on the "Signal Map" tab of http://www.omvc.org/

Local over-the-air stations are upgrading equipment to transmit the robust digital signals, which are designed for "on the go" reception wherever viewers want to watch local news, weather, sports, traffic, and favorite entertainment programs. While digital TV was designed for fixed reception in rabbit-ear equipped living rooms, Mobile DTV is optimized for personal viewing on handheld devices (even if a viewer is in the backseat of an automobile or on a moving train.)

The new line-up of RCA portable televisions includes three models of hybrid portable televisions in 3.5" and 7" screen sizes and a tiny Mobile DTV Car Tuner Receiver designed to add live TV signals to existing auto infotainment systems:

3.5" Hybrid Portable Television -- Model DMT335R (suggested retail price $109), with a bright LED backlit LCD screen, hybrid ATSC or Mobile DTV reception, AC power or up to 4 hours of playback time on rechargeable AA batteries, real-time signal strength indicator, closed captioning capability, easel-back stand, English/Spanish display and monopole antenna.

3.5" Hybrid Portable Television -- Model DMT336R (suggested retail price $149), with a widescreen, ultra-bright LED backlit LCD screen, hybrid ATSC or Mobile DTV reception, FM radio reception, AC power or up to 4 hours of playback time on internal Lithium Polymer battery, real-time signal strength indicator, closed captioning capability, easel-back stand, English/Spanish display and monopole antenna.

7" Hybrid Portable Television -- Model DMT270R (suggested retail price $169), with an 800x480 high resolution widescreen LCD screen featuring 500:1 contrast ratio, hybrid ATSC or Mobile DTV reception, AC power or up to 3 hours of playback time on built-in Lithium Polymer battery that can recharge while plugged in to a wall outlet or auto power source, real-time signal strength indicator, closed captioning capability, easel-back stand, English/Spanish display and 360 degree adjustable antenna.

Pocket Mobile DTV Car Tuner Receiver -- Model DMT3BR (suggested retail price $119), featuring a discrete design that is smaller than a deck

of cards, hybrid ATSC or Mobile DTV reception, powered by car charger, easy connection to the car infotainment system's audio and video input jacks, remote control, and a monopole antenna.

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About Digital Stream: Digital Stream, Inc. is based in Korea and the company's U.S. operations are in Santa Fe Springs, California. Digital Stream's sales, marketing and distribution capabilities originated from its role in providing the largest U.S. share of digital converter set-top boxes for the 2009 digital TV conversion program. Digital Stream is a licensee of the RCA brand from Technicolor (via mwhunter, WTFDA via DXLD)

One of many major defects of our now mandatory ATSC DTV system is that there is something about motion (of the receiver) which kills it, thus the need for special transmissions (with much greater error-correxion capability, I think), and special receivers. I assume these 70 are on a subchannel of the major RF channel of stations participating. Have not heard of any such promoted around here yet (gh, OK, DXLD)

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Geomagnetic field activity was at quiet levels from 27 December until 28 December at 1200 UTC. During 28/1200-2100 UTC, activity increased to unsettled to minor storm levels, with two isolated periods of severe storm levels observed at high latitudes. Activity decreased to predominantly quiet levels for the rest of the period. The increased activity on 28 December was associated with the CME observed on 23 December. During this period, the Bz component of the interplanetary magnetic field (IMF) , as measured by the ACE spacecraft, reached a maximum deflection of -13nT at 28/1401 UTC, while total field (Bt) peaked at 14nT at 28/1315 UTC.

FORECAST OF SOLAR AND GEOMAGNETIC ACTIVITY 05 - 31 JANUARY 2011

Solar activity is expected to be at very low levels with a chance for low levels from 05 – 13 January, as Regions 1141, 1142 and 1140 rotate off the visible disk. Activity is expected to decrease to predominantly very low levels for the remainder of the period.

No proton events are expected at geosynchronous orbit. The greater than 2 MeV electron flux at geosynchronous orbit is expected to be at normal to moderate levels during 05 – 09 January. Flux levels are expected to increase to high levels during 10 – 14 and decrease to normal levels for the remainder of the period.

Geomagnetic field activity is expected to be at quiet levels on 05 January. Activity is expected to increase to quiet to unsettled levels during 06 - 07 January in response to a co-rotating interaction region in advance of a coronal hole high-speed stream (CH HSS). From 08-11 January, quiet to unsettled levels with isolated active levels are possible as the CH HSS moves into a geoeffective position. Activity is expected to decrease to predominantly quiet levels during 12-20 January. Quiet to unsettled levels are expected on 21-22 January in response to another CH HSS. Mostly quiet conditions are expected for the remainder of the period.

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